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SUMMARY.

The "Cologne Gazette" says that Russia possesses four docks at Vladivostock and Port Arthur sufficient to repair the largest vessels.

It is now reported that Russia's reply to Japan will be given within ten days.

The Japanese Legation in London denies that a time limit has been placed upon Russia's reply.

The general opinion at St. Petersburg is that Russia will not recede an inch, and that though she will not declare war she will readily accept it.

The Russian squadron at Bizerta, reinforced by four torpedo boats, has been ordered to proceed to the Far East with the utmost rapidity.

The armoured cruiser King Alfred will sail directly with relief crews for China.

Reuter reports that an emergency ordinance invests the Japanese Government with unlimited credit for military defence.

Other ordinances have been issued completing Japan's preparations for any emergency.

Officials at Portsmouth dockyard are making inquiries as to the number of ex-service men who are employed.

This is interpreted to mean that the ex-service men will replace the reserves if the latter are summoned for duty.

Russia by erecting forts at Urga has seriously impressed the Chinese.

Russia's steady advance in Mongolia and her occupation of Manchuria have prejudiced China against all railway undertakings.

A sudden wave of pessimism prevails at Berlin in regard to the situation in the Far East.

The "Times" correspondents show that the controlling party in Russia argue that Korea is necessary for the consolidation of Russian interests.

M. Pavloff for months has been audaciously endeavouring to strengthen Russia's grasp of Korea.

The Porte has agreed to the appointment of an Italian officer to command the gendarmerie in Macedonia.

A successful military expedition has been made in Southern Nigeria, and it is unlikely that the natives will further hinder trade.

The Admiralty intends asking for a vote for a larger number of submarines than in any previous year.

Russia is protecting a railway from Samarkand to Tarmyz, near Afghanistan.

Colonel Foss, Governor of a prison in Siberia, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment for forgery and inhuman cruelty to prisoners by the rack.

In this State 13 persons who were candidates for the Federal Parliament have to forfeit their £25 deposit.

The final returns for the Darling give Mr. Spence 3150 votes and Mr. Acton 2263.

Nearly all the Senate votes have been counted, and yesterday's returns do not affect the positions of the leading candidates.

The Senate poll was declared in Tasmania yesterday, a revenue tariffist, an Oppositionist, and a Ministerialist being elected.

Messrs. Allen and Lysaght (both reformers) and Mr. D. Ritchie (labour) have been nominated for the Illawarra seat.

Dr. Ross, M.L.A. for Molong, says he will oppose any bill submitted to Parliament for the redistribution of seats.

A meeting attended by about 300 persons took place in the School of Arts last night to consider separation from the Commonwealth.

The cards of invitation described the movement as one of "withdrawal from the Victorian federation."

A motion was carried to ask the Lord Mayor to convene a meeting with a view of securing the submission of the question to the people by referendum.

The Queensland policy of foregoing harbour dues on regularly running steamers fitted with cold storage promises to have a favourable effect.

The Government has intimated that the request to increase the allowances to beneficiaries under the Miners Accident Relief Fund cannot be complied with.

The farmers on the North Coast are protesting against the quarantine restrictions in regard to swine fever.

The congress of deaf and dumb delegates at Melbourne has resolved that the education of mutes shall be free and compulsory.

The revenue of the Perth Harbour Trust for the past year was £78,213, yielding 3½ per cent. on the cost of the works.

In Chambers yesterday Mr. Justice Pring refused an application to set aside the writ of summons in the action Pringle v Musgrove.

At an inquest in reference to the Drummoyne stabbing case, the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter.

The Marine Board in Melbourne yesterday received reports from the chief officer of the Coogee and the captain of the Fortunato Figari.

The board decided to refer the question of the collision between the two vessels to the Court of Marine Inquiry, and not to make a preliminary investigation.

Huddart Parker and Co. have subscribed £100 towards a fund for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Captain Carrington.

Mr. Williams, president of the Zeehan School of Mines, says that the whole naval supplies of coal for the East will in time be obtained from New Zealand.

Mr. Williams, after making an examination, says that New Zealand possesses an enormous wealth of coalfields.

A representative company of commercial men and others were entertained at luncheon on board the new steamer Yongala yesterday.

The State Premier, in the course of a speech, advocated preference for British merchant vessels trading between different parts of the Empire.

The cricket match New South Wales Second Eleven v Queensland was won by the former by 2 runs.

N. K. Foster, in the second innings of the Queensland team, made 131.

In the interstate match in Melbourne, Victoria made 253 in their second innings and New South Wales lost five wickets for 82.

New South Wales, with Noble, Trumper, Hopkins, S. Gregory, C. Gregory, and Kelly to bat, require 301 runs to win.

Trumble has replaced Laver in the Australian Eleven for the second test match, and Gehrs replaces Jennings as twelfth man.

John Lennox, a guard on a goods train near Woodford, was suffocated yesterday by an escape of nitric acid fumes in a brake van.

At Warwick (Q.), during a quarrel, Thomas Johnston was stabbed in the face, the back, and one of his sides, the left lung being pierced.

The Wilcannia-Broken Hill mail coach has met with a sensational accident through being capsized in a flooded creek.

The Premier denies that the rumoured changes in the State Ministry are contemplated.

A meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday, but the date of the re-assembling of Parliament was not fixed.

Sir John See says that the next session will be confined to the Redistribution of Seats Bill.

Sir George Turner now feels fairly assured that the conference of Treasurers will take place during the first week in February.

The Minister for Home Affairs has arranged for the despatch of survey parties to the Tumut and Bombala districts.

Mr. Deakin says that the deportation of Stelling will be suspended to enable any action at law to be instituted.

The Naturalisation Act will come into force on January 1.

Major Taylor, the champion cyclist, arrived in Sydney yesterday.

The German steamer Essen, which recently grounded on a reef at New Caledonia, arrived in Sydney yesterday, and appears to have escaped serious damage.

The R.M.S. India has arrived at Fremantle, and her mails, dated London, December 4, will be delivered in Sydney about 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday next.

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LOST, Blk. Leat. BAG, silver edges, dropped in Phillip-st, Wednesday afternoon. Apply 30 College-st.

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LOST, on or near Sydney Railway Station, Small PURSE, containing Metal Ticket and Money. Reward. P. S. CHAPMAN,
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LOST, Randwick r'course, Saturday wk., Lady's Gold WATCH, No. 4569, maker J. Powell, Liverpool, and GOLD CHAIN, with Freemason emblem attached, mark H. A. Clayton, 1903; £5 reward.
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REW., £1.—Lost, Dark Bay Draught Mare, C over 8 near hind foot, White Star. J. Adair, Gladesville.

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FOUND a Revolver, in pouch, if not claimed within 7 days, will be sold. J. Solomon, M.F.B., Mk'ville.

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MEETINGS.

THE COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited, will be held at the Head Banking House of the Company, in George-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the nineteenth day of January, at noon precisely, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors for the half year ending 31st December, and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in conformity with the requirements of the Articles of Association.

By order of the Board,
T. A. DIBBS,
General Manager.
Sydney, 31st December, 1903.

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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BRIGHTON RACES.

TO-DAY (THURSDAY).

A SPECIAL TRAIN for First and Second Class Passengers will leave Sydney at 2 p.m. for Rockdale, returning from Rockdale after the races, and trams will connect with same from and to Rockdale Station.

RETURN FARES:

FIRST-CLASS, 1s 2d; SECOND-CLASS, 11d.

RAIL AND RIVER EXCURSIONS.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

FOR THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.

Trains will leave Sydney at 9.10 and 9.18 a.m., and from Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m.

The River Trip will occupy five hours—70 miles by rail, 36 by steamer.

Return Fares (including Trip on steamer General Gordon):—

First-class, 5s 6d; Second-class, 5s 6d.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer.

EXCURSION TO PARKESVALE (GEORGE'S RIVER), via Como.

Cheap Tickets at 2s 3d First-class and 1s 6d Second-class (including river trip) will be issued by Trains leaving Sydney up to 11.30 a.m. The steamer will leave Como for Parkesvale at 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. only.

Refreshments can be obtained on the Ground.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.

After Completion of ordinary service LATE TRAMS will run from the city as under:—

ALEXANDRIA.—Every 20 mins., Last tram 12.11 am.
BALMAIN.—Every 10 mins., Last Tram 12.22 a.m.
BONDI.—Every 12 mins., Last Tram 12.22 a.m.
BOTANY.—Every 20 mins., Last Tram 12.26 a.m.
COOK'S RIVER.—Every 15 mins., Last Tram 12.24 a.m.
COOGEE.—Every 15 mins., Last Tram 12.15 a.m.
CLEVELAND-STREET.—Every 15 mins., Last Tram 12.19 a.m.
CROWN-STREET.—Every 10 mins., Last Tram 12.18 a.m.
DRUMMOYNE.—Every 15 mins., Last Tram 12.9 a.m.
DULWICH HILL.—Every 12 mins., Last Tram 12.27 a.m.
GLEBE POINT.—Every 10 mins., Last Tram 12.15 a.m.
LEICHHARDT.—Every 6 mins., Last Tram 12.23 a.m.
NEWTOWN and ENMORE.—Every 6 mins., Last Tram 12.27 a.m.
PYRMONT.—Every 10 mins., Last Tram 12.15 a.m.
RAILWAY.—Every 5 mins., Last Tram 12.25 a.m.
ST. PETERS.—Every 7 and 8 mins., Last Tram 12.24 a.m.
WATERLOO and BAY-STREET.—Every 10 mins., Last Tram 12.26 a.m.
WAVERLEY.—Every 12 mins., Last Tram 12.18 a.m.
ZETLAND.—Every 20 mins., Last Tram 12.22 a.m.
ABBOTSFORD*.—Last Tram 11.25 p.m.
*12.8 a.m. ex Marion-street.
OCEAN-STREET (King-street).—Every 5 mins., Last Tram 12.30 a.m.
ROSE BAY (Ocean-street).—Every 20 mins., Last Tram 12.25 a.m.

THE ALL-NIGHT TRAMS WILL RUN AS USUAL.

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H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

AMUSEMENTS.

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SPECIAL MATINEE PERFORMANCES of MAMA'S NEW HUSBAND, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AFTERNOON (NEW YEAR'S DAY), and EVERY FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Children half-price to all parts of the house. Doors open at 2, commence 2.30.

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N.S.W. PONY AND GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION.—A Special MEETING of the above Association will be held at School of Arts, Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 7th January, 1904, at 2 p.m. Business—To consider proposed additional rules.

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Washington-street, Private Property; Druitt-street, Private Property; and an unnamed street.—From a sewerage pumping station, near Washington-street, northerly through resumed land to Washington-street, thence easterly about 242 feet along Washington-street, thence northerly through private property about 205 feet, thence easterly along Druitt-street, about 110 feet, thence northerly through private property, and along an unnamed street to the junction of Market and Wharf streets.

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Private Property.—From a manhole in private property about 140 feet west of Herbert-street, and about 280 feet north-west of Bowman-street, north-westerly about 145 feet through private property, thence north-easterly about 135 feet through private property.

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Wm. Brooks and Co., Ltd.	W. C. Penfold and Co. (Factory).
Beatty, Richardson, and Co.	W. A. Pepperday and Co.
F. Cunninghame and Co.	James Prentice.
H. T. Dunn and Co.	Hector Ross.
Wm. Devey.	Geo. Short and Sons.
Fuerth and Nall.	S. D. Townsend and Co.
James Henderson.	Turner and Henderson (Factory).
William Howitt.	
R. T. Kelly.	Websdale, Shoosmith, and Co.
Edward Lee and Co. (Factory).	

H. C. BRIERLEY, A.I.A.V., Secretary.
Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street,
Sydney, 30th December, 1903.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The OFFICES of all Fire and Marine Insurance Companies in the undermentioned Associations will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, and SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1904:—

Sydney Marine Underwriters and Salvage Ass'n, Ltd.
Fire Underwriters' Association of N.S.W.

J. E. WOODTHORPE, Secretary.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

Sydney Branch, Equitable-building, George-street.

The OFFICE of the above Society will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, 2nd inst.

All premiums due on that date will be received on MONDAY, 4th inst., without any fine.

C. CARLISLE TAYLOR,
General Manager for Australasia.

NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION, 85 Pitt-street, Sydney.

OFFICES will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1904; SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1904.

Premiums and interest due on these days will be accepted without fine on MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1904.

H. C. EVANS,
Resident Secretary.

BOROUGH OF MARRICKVILLE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Offices will be CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEXT, 1st and 2nd JANUARY.

By Order.
HENRY J. BROWN,
Council Clerk.

Town Hall, Marrickville,
30th December, 1903.

MERCANTILE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of this COMPANY will be CLOSED on FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 1st and 2nd January.

KELSO KING, Manager.
Sydney, 31st December, 1903.

JOHN DANKS and SON PROPRIETARY, Ltd., 324 to 330 Pitt-street, Sydney, beg to notify their Customers and the Public generally that their Warehouse and Factory will remain closed during Friday and Saturday next, the 1st and 2nd of January, 1904, on account of New Year Holidays.

THE COLONIAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED.

LOST POLICY.

In compliance with the Lost Policies Act, NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Society to issue, on or after 31st January next, a Special Policy in place of Policy No. 45023 on the life of JOHN RITCHIE, which is declared to have been burnt.

Dated at Sydney this 31st December, 1903.

A. ROSS MILLER,
Secretary.

CITIZENS' LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

LOST POLICY.

It is the intention of the Company, on or after the 31st day of January next, to issue a Special Policy in lieu of Policy No. 62985, on the life of WILLIAM RIGNEY, which is declared to have been lost.

Dated at Sydney this 30th day of December, 1903.

W. J. BLOOMFIELD,
Resident Secretary.

THE Trustees of the Assigned Estate of BARKER and JAMES, formerly of Sydney, request the Creditors who have not applied for their Dividends to do so without further delay. This is a final notice.

The Dividends will be paid by Messrs. Scott, Henderson, and Co., Nos. 6 and 8 Loftus-street, Sydney.

30th December, 1903.

A.B.C., PITT-STREET (SHADLER'S) WILL BE OPEN NEW YEAR'S EVE TILL 11 P.M. BAND FROM 6 TILL 10 P.M.

WATCHES CLEANED, 2s; best English Mainspring 2s; Repairs guaranteed one year. NOLAN, TIME, and CO., 702 George-street, Haymarket.

COOL your Buildings by Coating your Roofs with POLAR REFRIGERATING PAINT, 25s cwt. H. H. GROTH and CO., Wall Paper and Paint Merchants, 520 George-street, near Liverpool-street.

MR. GILHOOLEY, Tea Importer, thanks friends and public for their support in 1903, and trusts to have a continuance of same.

84 Elizabeth-street.

JOHN LAWLER and SON, established 1860, Wire Mattress and Bedding Manufacturers, Importers of Bedsteads, Java Kapok, etc. Mattresses cleaned and re-made by steam. Factories: No. 6, 8, 10 Union-ln., Brickfield-h.

GEN. RASPBERRY SYRUP, testified by Government Analyst as such. Oertel's, Alexandria. Tel., 393 N.

LIMO, delightful summer drink, absolutely pure, cooling, and refreshing. Oertel's. Tel., 393 N.

CALLS AND DIVIDENDS ON SHARES.

DUCHESS OF YORK GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

ALL SHARES on which the 18th CALL of 1d per Share remains unpaid on TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1904, will be sold by Public Auction at the Stock Exchange, Melbourne, at 12 o'clock noon, unless previously redeemed.

R. GILPIN,
Manager.
30 Queen-street, Melbourne.

COAL, FIREWOOD, &c.

AT the North Shore Gasworks, COKE, large or broken, per ton 8s 4d, per bag 5d.

ARNOTT'S

MILK ARROWROOTS.

THE CHILDREN'S BISCUITS.

ASK FOR ARNOTT'S.

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS and SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses, and Harness.

And at 11.30 a.m.,

Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised.

Tel., 1331.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,

The Racing Pony BLACK WATCH, Brown Gelding, 14.2, in good condition, being sold to defray expenses for agistment, left with M. Anderson, February 8 last—unless previously satisfied.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

N.G. (late Robin), Bay Gelding, by Dosey Boy, a good jumper, engaged in hurdle race New Year's Day at Randwick; also, Gent.'s Exercise English Pigskin Saddle and Lady's Saddle.

WELL-BRED PONY, FROM ULMARRA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. B. Campbell, Ulmarra, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Chestnut Pony Mare, 6 years, 14.3, good looking and well bred, broken to saddle and harness.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 sharp,

On account of Messrs. M'Intosh Bros., D. Buffier, C. Briggs, and other owners,

60 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

ST. MARYS.

29 miles by rail (1 hour's journey from Sydney).

RAILWAY CATTLE SALEYARDS (next to Railway Station).

*** We beg to notify that we will hold our next sale at the above Yards on SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1904.

Owners who intend favouring us with the sale of their Stock at the above time will oblige by sending particulars at once.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON, Auctioneers, 244 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

IMPORTANT SALE OF BLOOD STOCK.

T. S. CLIBBORN will hold a Sale of untried Blood Stock, Racehorses, etc., at T. Payten's Newmarket Stables, Randwick, on MONDAY, 25th January, 1904, when a Draft of Irvingdale Geldings, by Bruce (son of Goldsbrough), Dumb Boy (son of Wellington), and Ayr Laddie (imp.) will be submitted.

Vendors desirous of offering Stock are requested to give early notice.

T. S. CLIBBORN,
6 Bligh-street. Agent.

THE LAST SALE OF THE YEAR BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

AT KELSON'S CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET,

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 31,

AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS and EFFECTS, in excellent order and condition, comprising

FINE CHINA DINNER SERVICE, GLASSWARE, TABLE PLATED CUTLERY, ODD CHINA.

HANDSOME DINING and BREAKFAST ROOM FURNITURE, in Solid Walnut.

CHARMING DRAWING-ROOM FURNISHINGS, FINE CARPETS, A1 LINOLEUM, HEARTHRUGS, LACE CURTAINS, CHENILLE CURTAINS.

THE COMPLETE and HANDSOME FURNISHINGS of 5 BEDROOMS in every detail.

Brass-mounted and Nickel Bedsteads complete, with Wire and Kapok Beds.

3 Charming Bedroom Suites of unique designs. Etc., Etc., Etc.

LAUNDRY and KITCHEN REQUISITES, ICE CHESTS, and Miscellaneous Furnishing.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER, as Agent for the Vendors, has received instructions to sell out every line to the Highest Bidders.

IMPORTANT FURNITURE SALE.

THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, Dec. 31st, at 11. BY PUBLIC AUCTION, AT THE ROOMS, 417 PITT-STREET, HAYMARKET, near Goulburn-street.

BOUDOIR GRAND PIANO
Cottage Iron-frame Upright Ditto
Drawing, Dining, Hall, Double, ¾, and Single BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS
WALNUT DRAWING SUITE, 9 pieces
Walnut Cabinet, Overmantels, Pictures
9-pc Leather Dining Suite, Carved Frames, in Blackwood and 11-piece Mahogany
Extension D. Table, Austrian Chairs, Linos.
Double and Single Bedroom Suites, Combination Chests Drs., Toilet Pairs, T. Ware
Double, Single, and ¾ B.M. Bedsteads, Wires, Bedding
Eureka Gas Stove, No. 410, Ice Chest, Iron Safe
A First-class Lot Kitchen Utensils.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB will sell right out. NO RESERVE.

SURRY HILLS.

THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.30. BY PUBLIC AUCTION. On the Premises, 27 TUDOR-STREET, OFF CROWN-STREET, and near Devonshire-street, SURRY HILLS.

THE BEAUTIFUL AND NEW FURNISHINGS OF A 2-STORY HOUSE.

Drawing, Dining, Hall, Single, ¾, and Double Bedroom Appointments.

Superb Upright Grand No. 2 VICTOR PIANOFORTE, Extended Ivory Keyboard, check action, etc, imported by Paling and Co. Equal to new.
Genoa Velvet and Plush Drawing Suite
Massive O'mantels and Pierglasses, Steel Engravings and Oil Paintings, Curtains, etc.
9-piece Dining Suite on Carved Frames, upholstered in Eastern Saddlebags
Carpets and Linoleums, Oilcloth, etc.
Several Bedrooms, handsomely furnished throughout with Single, ¾, and Double ¾-Tester Bedsteads, complete
Combinations, Chests Drawers, Toilet Pairs, etc.
Kitchen, Yard, and Laundry Utensils.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB has received instructions from Mrs. SHARMAN to sell as above, No Reserve, at 2.30 sharp THIS DAY.

TO MACHINERY MERCHANTS, DAIRY FARMERS, DEALERS, and OTHERS.

THIS DAY (THURSDAY), 31st DECEMBER, 1903, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

On the PREMISES, 137 to 155 PALMER-STREET, off William-street, Woolloomooloo, lately in the occupation of and under instructions from the Owners, the Country Milk Supply Company.

All the VALUABLE PLANT and MACHINERY, including

One 25-Ton TAYLOR ABSORPTION REFRIGERATOR, all complete, and in good order, only out of use 4 months.
Also, one 15-Ton Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto.
3 HOSKINS' BOILERS, 2-10, 1-15 h.p., in good order, fitted with the Abbott Smoke Consumer.
2 TANGYE PUMPS
1 Water Heater
1 Feed Pump
3 Milk Tanks, holding 1000 gallons each, fitted with all the necessary appliances, including ammonia circulator.
Large Brine Vat, for icemaking.
ALPHA CREAM SEPARATOR, complete, and in good working order.
CORN CRUSHER, by Richmond and Chandler.
ALPHA MILK TESTER.
Large Iron Tank and Wooden Tower, 60ft high.
GAS STOVE, GRINDSTONE, 2 NEW IRON COILS, 7 IRON COILS, GAS RING.
All Insulators and Interior Fittings, Padded Doors, Timber, Wire Netting, etc., etc., of Refrigerating and Cooling Chambers, and a large quantity of Sundries.

At 12.30,

Private HANSOM CAB (English made), with Pair Lamps, Cushions, etc., complete.

Also,

1 Double-seated AMERICAN BUGGY.

GIBBS and CO. (H. B. POLLARD, AUCTIONEER) have received imperative instructions from the Owners to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

Absolutely Every Line to the Highest Bidder.

N.B.—THIS IS A GENUINE CLEARING SALE.

Cards to Inspect from Auctioneers. Office, 135 King-street. Tel., 4117.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.

At the Rooms, 132 Pitt-street.

WEBBE BROS. and CO., Auctioneers, will Sell HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, Without Reserve. Every line must go, close accounts for 1903.

Also 4 SCOTCH COLLIE PUPS, well bred, one Collie Dog. One E.P. Sick Coll Service.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 31st, AT 11 A.M.

At the CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 PITT-ST.

Under instructions from THE MASTER IN LUNACY.

A QUANTITY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS, GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES, etc, etc.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above, THIS MORNING.

AUCTION SALES.

THIRLMERE—PICTON.

FOR POSITIVE SALE, TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS, ON THE GROUND. ON THE GROUND, SATURDAY NEXT, JANUARY 2nd, at 11 a.m.

By Order of the Mortgagees.

LYNDWOOD ORCHARD, midway between PICTON and THIRLMERE.

A COMPACT ORCHARD PROPERTY OF TEN ACRES, 550 Assorted Fruit Trees, all full bearing, in first-class order, 3-Roomed W.B. Cottage, Sheds, etc., also sundry Farming Implements.

TORRENS TITLE. VERY LIBERAL TERMS.

*** Intending purchasers from Sydney are invited to communicate with the Auctioneers, who are arranging for vehicular accommodation at Thirlmere to meet the train leaving Sydney at 8 a.m. on Saturday next.

BARNARD and CO. will Sell by Auction, as above.

Auctioneers' Offices: 74 Castlereagh-street. Tel., 489.

SALE. SALE. SALE.

Deceased Estate.

STOCK OF JEWELLERY TO BE SOLD AT 50 PER CENT. REDUCTION OFF COST PRICE.

In Bulk or by Single Article.

Also 1 MILNER SAFE, 6ft 6in by 3ft 6in by 3ft 4in, Listed at £200.

1 GERMAN SAFE, Listed at £30.
1 AVERY'S COUNTER TROY SCALES, Listed at £15.
WILL SELL AT 50 PER CENT. REDUCTION.

Call and Inspect. E. M'EVOY and CO.,
109 Clarence-street.

THIS DAY, Thursday, at 2 o'clock.

7 B.-M. H. T. Bedsteads, W. Mts., Bedding, Tables, Chairs, Safes, Couches, Crockery, Cooking Utensils. Also, Clothing, Boots, Sundries.

H. LEVY will sell by auction, at 135 Regent-street. No Reserve. Dealers and others attend.

BUSINESSES FOR SALE OR WANTED.

GEO. THOMAS, 58 ELIZABETH-STREET.

Largest Selection of BOARDING-HOUSES and BUSINESSES.

GREENGROCERY &c, BARGAIN, clear weekly profits £3, good horse and cart, price £20 (all in), or with household furniture, £35.

GEO. THOMAS, 58 Elizabeth-street.

A. K. MOORE and CO., 1 Moore-street, opp. G.P.O., offer first-class Country HOTEL, leading mining town, doing a rattling good business, proof of trade given, price £1250 for freehold, with immediate poss'n.

A. K. MOORE and CO.—Hotel, Southern line, the commercial house of town, £450, free, 1 Moore-st.

A. K. MOORE and CO.—Hotel, outside sub., rent £1 12s, bar trade £28 week, £220 cash, 1 Moore-st.

A. K. MOORE and CO.—Hotel, city, 3 bars, low rent, forced sale, licensee ref. renewal, £300. 1 Moore-st.

P. V. RYAN and CO., Agents, 8 and 9 P.O.-chambers, 114A Pitt-st, opposite G.P.O., Sydney. Tel., 3023.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, exceptionally good city position, draws 7 x 36 weekly, takings £70 weekly, £500.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, leading suburb, lease 12 years, rent £3 10s, pays £160 monthly, 8 x 36 xxx, £1100.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, city, big shipping conn., licensee in trouble, must sell to-day, tkgs. £40 wk., £350.

P. V. RYAN'S New Year's Gifts.—Hotels, Surry Hills, £120, £175; Waterloo, £135; City, £170. Pitt-st.

NEW YEAR GIFTS. NEW YEAR GIFTS. Hotel Buyers call to-day on P. V. Ryan and Co.

BAKERY, sub., large dwelling, doing 5 tons weekly, 4 horses, carts, £300. P. V. Ryan and Co., 8 P.O.-ch.

BUTCHERY, Oxford-st, 6 bodies, 80 sheep, dwell., 5 rms., kit., £275. P. V. Ryan and Co., 114A Pitt-st.

TEA and Luncheon, good cent. position, city, 10 yrs. same hands, £25. P. V. Ryan and Co., 8 P.O.-ch.

WINE SALOON, sub., 5 rooms, dwell., fully furn., good lease, takes £30 week, £300. P. V. Ryan.

WARDEN, Hoffnung's-chambers, 163 Pitt-st., next to G.P.O.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Suburban Hotel, well furnished, rent £2 (full), 5 x 54's week, £550.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—10 years' lease of Hotel in centre of large population, small ingoing to-day.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Family Hotel, leading city corner, rent £4, excellent accommodation, £500.

WARDEN.—Hotel, Redfern, rent 30s, 4 x 36's week, £260. Hoffnung's-chambers, 163 Pitt-st.

JOSEPH and CO., Hotel Brokers, 106 King-street, est. 1866, offer several first-class city Hotels, from £500 to £3000; also country Hotels, £300 to £800. Full particulars, 106 King-street.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Darlinghurst, 8 rms., well fur., nicely fur., always full, barg., £55. Joseph.

HAM, Beef, Smallgood, tak. £20 wkly, rent 18s, sound, profitable business, £70. Joseph and Co.

COLONIAL Wine, centre city, clear profits £3 wkly., fixtures, stock, everything, £45. Joseph and Co.

FISH, Oyster, Oxford-st, tak. £15 wkly., rent 25s, same hands 5 years, £55. Joseph and Co.

JOSEPH and CO., Business Agents, est. 1866.—Largest Register Businesses and Boarding-houses, 106 K.-st.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Boarding-house, city, 14 rooms, 11 permanent boarders, £100, terms.

BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT, very best city position, 16 elaborately furnished rooms, many years same hands, permanent boarders, all paying high prices, £300, part cash. NEEDHAM and CO.

PASTRY, Confectionery, Tobacco, Darlinghurst, trade £20 weekly, well stocked and fitted, £50. Needham.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st., have the best selection of DAIRIES and Milk Runs for SALE.

IVAN HENRY wishes all his clients a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and begs to inform them that he has a lot of New Year Bargains to dispose of at 134 Pitt-street.

INGRAM and CO., 71 Elizabeth-street.—PASTRY, CONFECTIONERY, best position, eastern suburbs, trade £24 weekly, any guarantee, beautiful accommodation, £120 or offer. The greatest bargain offering.

GENERAL STORE, corner shop, 5 rooms, rent 18s, trade £30 weekly, estab. over 30 yrs, £75. Ingram.

CONFECTIONERY and Pastry, 6 rooms, rent 20s, g'd posit., well stocked, furn., £20. Ingram, 71 Eliz.-st.

WE have Clients waiting for Hotels, Groceries, and other Businesses, large and small.

COMMERCIAL DEFENCE ASSOCIATION,
100 Pitt-street.

FOR SALE, Grocery BUSINESS, in a rising suburb on the North Shore line, an excellent opportunity for anyone wanting a suitable business. Full particulars by applying in the first place to Commerce, Milson's Point Post-office.

CROWHURST AND CO.,
21 Royal Arcade. T., 3789.

WE ARE THE LIVE BUSINESS AGENTS.

If you want to Buy or Sell a Business of any description, kindly give us a call at once. We can offer you real bargains.

COBB and CO., 335A Geo.-st.—Con. and Lun. Rooms, well recommen., ice-cream machines, fittings, £100.

COBB and CO.—Splendidly appointed Tea and Rooms, city, value in fittings, £75.

FOR SALE, old-est. Watchmaking, Jewll. Business, suit gd. tradesman. S. Hoffnung and Co., Pitt-st.

BUTCHERING BUSINESS for Sale, no opposition, 8 sheep, 10 quarters beef, horse, cart, etc.; neighbourhood growing fast; worth inspection; no reasonable offer refused. A. Z. A., Herald Office, King-street.

TO be SOLD, a DAIRY. Apply Miss Selley, Burrowsfield-st, Alexandria.

ROOKWOOD.—Bakehouse, Plant, Dwlg., gd. opening tradesman, sm. dep., easy tms. Casey, Rookwood.

COUNTRY Hotel, with farm attached, stock and plant complete, £600. T. W. Taylor, 109 Pitt-st.

NEWS AGENCY, rising suburb, 4000 papers, blocked, fair shop trade, good living. Mascotte, Herald.

GOOD BUSINESS for SALE, Confectionery Shop. 29 Pitt-st, opp. Palace Theatre.

CONF. and Colonial Wine, or grand stand Oyster bus., c. rent, suit wine man. Wine, P.O., Rockdale.

PRODUCE, Wood, Coal, 2 horses, vans, and plant, £ sub., h. prices, suit energ. man. C. H., M'ville P.O.

FRUIT, Confect., and Soft Drinks Business for SALE, city, price £75, rent 12s. Genuine, G.P.O.

FIRST-CLASS Boarding-house, 1 min. from tram, furnished or partly, cheap, no agts. A. B., Herald.

PASTRY and Confectionery, with oven, suit baker or lady, £20, rent 17s 6d. 29 Botany-rd, Waterloo.

A SMART Confectionery, Cake, Pastry, &c, rent £1, £35 or offer. 216 Oxford-st, Woollahra.

GENERAL STORE for SALE, prominent position in growing suburb, shop and 7 rooms, large yard and stable, rent 30s, stock at valuation, about £80. Apply on premises, corner Forest-rd, and Frederick-st., Rockdale.

A SHOP for SALE, Confectionery and Soft Drinks. 547 Bourke-st, Surry Hills.

BUTCHERY Cash Business, for Sale, £25, main &c. furn. if req., leaving colony. 449 Harris-st, Ultimo.

SPLENDID little DRAPERY BUSINESS in thriving town, country, within 30 miles of Sydney, for SALE, suit young energetic married couple with moderate means. No agents. A. B. C., Herald Office.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT.—MIXED BUSINESS, well stocked, splendid business, must leave for S. Africa at once, only £13. Come prepared to settle a bargain. 42 Enmore-road, Newtown.

WELL-ESTABLISHED GENERAL DRAPERY BUSINESS, main street, populous suburb, for SALE. Owner retiring. Every investigation. Principals only. Draper, Herald Office, King-street.

CITY Fruit and Confectionery, doing good trade, sint position, £30. S. Gee and Co., 269 Pitt-st.

GLEBE.—Suit smart couple, little Grocery, doing £20, proof. Cox, 497 Darling-st, Balmain.

WANTED to Purchase, HOUSE and LAND AGENCY, in suburbs. Apply by letter, stating price, to RAWLINSON and HAMILTON, Solicitors, Moore-street, city.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN.

NOTICE is hereby given that Messrs. FREDERICK HOFFMANN and JAMES TRAHAIR have been duly appointed VALUERS for the Municipal Year 1904-1905.

JOHN SALMON,
Mayor.

Town Hall,
Newtown, 30th December, 1903.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

BALTIC, BALTIC, BALTIC.—All Sizes in Stock—Floorings, Linings, Weatherboards, &c. Also, arriving soon, the "Fredsael," with 1,000,000ft, from Frederickstadt.

H. M'KENZIE, Timber Importer, Pyrmont.

IRON.—Roofing Iron of excellent quality, new and bright, 1s 5d sheet. C. Campbell, 287 Clarence-st.

SADDLES and HARNESS, 2s 6d weekly. Howard and Co., Woollahra. Write for lists.

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OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY.

EVERYTHING COMES TO AN END,

Even the Old Year is on its last legs, and Gowing's Suits are no exception to the universal rule. They don't last quite for ever, but they certainly last longer than clothes are generally expected to do. We specially recommend the three Serge Suits below for the New Year, and we take this opportunity to wish one and all a Prosperous New Year.

No. 1 SERGE SAC SUIT, Flap Pockets, Fashionable Cut, Round and Dump Corners, High-cut Vest, Colour Guaranteed 25s 6d

No. 2 SERGE SAC SUIT, Make and Fit Perfection, Squared Shoulders, Style and appearance equal to bespoke, Indigo Guaranteed 35s

No. 3 SERGE SAC SUIT, the highest grade of Workmanship, cut, make, and finish, which could only be accomplished by the Best Skilled Labour. The COAT has Hair Cloth Fronts, Button Cuffs, with Medium Neck break, ½ back lined, inside ticket. VEST button high, and up-to-date. TROUSERS, medium leg width, with side or cross pockets, the whole suit having the appearance and character of a Bespoke Suit at double the money 45s

PATTERNS OF THE ABOVE FORWARDED ON APPLICATION.

SUMMER OUTFITTING.

WHITE DRILL TROUSERS	4s 6d, 4s 11d, 6s 6d
CRASH TROUSERS, COOL AND COMFORTABLE	5s 11d, 7s 6d
KHAKI TROUSERS	4s 6d, 4s 11d
CREAM LUSTRE TROUSERS	7s 6d
CREAM FLANNEL AND SERGE TROUSERS	9s 6d, 12s 6d
WHITE DRILL SAC AND TROUSERS	9s 10d, 14s
GREY STRIPE FLANNEL LOUNGE SAC AND TROUSERS	11s 6d, 13s 6d
BROWN HOLLAND SAC AND TROUSERS	15s 6d
REAL CRASH SAC AND TROUSERS	16s 6d
STRIPE DRILL SAC AND TROUSERS	19s 6d
ASSAM SILK NORFOLK SAC AND TROUSERS	30s

All with Movable Buttons, made and trimmed equal to order, with the "Austral" Finish.

GOWING BROS.,

486 TO 490 GEORGE-STREET, SYDNEY.

Country Customers, deal direct by post.
All Orders Carriage Paid.

IT SHOULD INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THAT

HOLBROOK'S WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE

HAS THE LARGEST SALE IN THE WORLD.

PITT-STREET HORDERNS

Politely wish their Customers and Friends A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, and again

RETURN THEIR BEST THANKS

for the many favours you have bestowed during 1903. The business for the coming new year will be conducted on the lines we have traded upon during the whole of our business existence, namely—

HONEST VALUE, ECONOMICAL PRICES, PROMPT ATTENTION.

On these lines, therefore, 1904 may be anticipated with great pleasure by our numerous patrons throughout the Commonwealth.

HORDERN BROTHERS,

SYDNEY'S LEADERS OF FASHIONS,

203, 205, 207, 209, 211 PITT-ST., SYDNEY.

MISS ADA CROSSLEY'S

TRIBUTE TO

THE PIANOLA.

Gentlemen,—

I want to tell you how delighted I am with the Pianola. It is altogether wonderful! In an accompaniment to several of my songs it has given me splendid support, and the tone has been most sympathetic and sustaining.

With appreciation and greeting,

Very truly yours,

ADA CROSSLEY.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

FRAUDULENT SEEDS AND PLANTS.

A certain class of trader regards the average farmer as a very unreasonable person. The farmer has somehow got into a habit of expecting that when he buys seeds or plants, the seeds or plants should be of the kind described by the seller. When the agriculturist sows, perhaps, 40 acres of land with alleged lucerne seed, and a few struggling patches of turnips come up, he writes nasty things to the seedsman, and the trader cannot understand why a man should use violent expressions over a little thing like that. The farmer has got the turnips, anyhow, and what more could any reasonable person ask? Fruit and ornamental trees untrue to name, and seeds which produce anything but what they are supposed to be, are not so common nowadays, but instances occur now and then which show that mistakes, or something not quite so innocent, are still liable to happen. In Australia, however, the absolutely fraudulent plant is almost unknown. The industry which flourishes by inventing new products advertised as possessing remarkable qualities does not make headway here, and when our growers are victimised in this way it is through the introduction of something from another country. America seems to be the home of the fraudulent new species, and, despite constant warnings in the agricultural press, the eagerness of a go-ahead people to seize on the latest thing out is successfully played upon by land sharks. In the December number of the "Agricultural Gazette" Mr. J. H. Maiden calls attention to the exposure of one of these swindles on the producer which seems to have succeeded to a slight extent in these States. The plant in this case was in America styled, "Mand's Wonder Forage Plant," but it had also several "fancy" titles, among which were "Pencilaire" and "Penicillaria seaoides." The seed sold at the high prices usually asked for a new introduction, going up to 12s 6d per lb, and many paragraphs appeared in journals announcing it as an extraordinary plant. Great drought-resistant powers were claimed for the "Penicilaria" in Australia, and it is very probable that some growers have been victims to the clever advertising dodge. The organ of the South Australian Department of Agriculture gave an account of the plant, and stated that it was merely the well-known pearl millet (Penicillaria spicata) the seed of which is worth here about 1s per lb. Mr. Maiden's attention was directed to "Mand's Wonder Forage Plant," and finding some difficulty in tracing it under the title of Penicillaria seaoides, he appealed to the United States Department of Agriculture, and lately received a reply, in which it is stated that very numerous inquiries had been received on the subject, and the botanical name given could not be run to earth. The plant, however, was undoubtedly the well-known millet, and the writer remarked that he was inclined to believe that the botanical description was nothing more than the product of a seedsman's fertile mind. The real cause for wonder in these cases is that the farmers take the deceptions practised upon them so easily. Mr. Maiden remarks that the supplying of trees, seeds of wheat, pumpkins, other vegetables, and so forth absolutely untrue to name, has gone on so long that it is high time for the State to interfere and see if penalties amounting to imprisonment for fraud could not be imposed. But the law could surely be set in motion were the deceived farmers aware of the power for redress that exists. Long immunity from punishment has caused traders of a certain class to become quite impatient when farmers complain that the plants and seeds have proved to be fraudulent. A few prosecutions under criminal statute would alter the position of parties very materially, and it would seem that no other course is likely to prevent the practices of which the producers have been the victims. The dishonest seed and plant suppliers, the purveyors of adulterated manures, the gentlemen who make use of unrestricted "private enterprise" to ruin trade in exported products by questionable practices, are the principal parasites of the producing industries, and only proper administration of stringent laws can scrape such clogging bodies off the wheels of progress.

SWINE FEVER.

THE QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS.

PROTEST BY FARMERS.

ULMARRA, Wednesday.

A large and representative meeting of farmers was held to-day. The Mayor (Mr. Glissan) presided. Mr. John M'Farlane, member for the Clarence, explained the situation in regard to the quarantining of Ulmarra for swine fever. Mr. William Bailey moved—"That owing to the diversity of opinion as to the existence of swine fever in this district it is desirable that a competent officer should be sent to report." Mr. Joseph Northcott moved —"That this meeting expresses its indignation at the destruction of pigs apparently not suffering from swine fever, and that the member for the Clarence be asked to interview the Minister with a view of modifying the regulations so that doubtful cases may be isolated instead of being destroyed." Mr. James Napper moved—"That the member be asked to interview the Minister, soliciting the removal of the quarantine from healthy pigs and permission for the same to be shipped to Sydney or other markets upon a permit being granted from the inspector." These resolutions were carried unanimously.

THE CROPS AND SEASON.

COOMA.—The recent rain will be a great benefit to farmers and residents generally.

CULGONG.—There is a great yield of hay, averaging over 2½ tons to the acre. The wheat average is estimated at 25 bushels per acre. Good corn crops are assured, the crop tasselling already. Harvesting has been delayed through showers. The price of wheat has been started at 2s 6d per bushel, while hay is only worth £2 5s per ton.

MOLONG.—Harvesting operations are again in full swing, after a stoppage of a few days caused by the showery weather. The late crops are turning out remarkably well, and are yielding as high as 45 bushels to the acre. A general average of over 20 bushels is being well maintained.

TUMBERUMBA.—Delightfully refreshing showers have been falling at intervals each day recently. Harvesters are anxiously looking for fine weather to enable them to complete operations, as the luxuriant crops are spoiling.

WAGGA.—The weather up to the present has remained favourable for harvesting operations, which are rapidly being proceeded with. The greater portion of the grain in the immedate vicinity of Wagga, Coolamon, and Ganmain districts has been stripped. A large number of farmers state their intention, in consequence of dissatisfaction at the present rates, to sell only a sufficient quantity of grain to meet pressing obligations, storing the remainder for a better market. The average yield of 25 bushels is being well maintained, and the quality of the grain continues to be of a superior kind.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

CANDELO.—Herbage is plentiful, and the district has not at this time of the year looked better for many years.

LIVERPOOL.—The intermittent showers of late have had a beneficial effect upon the corn crops in various parts of the district, which are looking well. There is an abundance of grass everywhere, but many of the holdings are carrying very few stock consequent upon their depletion during the late drought.

MILTON.—At the election held to-day of three directors for the Ulladulla Refrigerating Butter Company, the following were returned: Messrs. C. Cork, Geo. Wilford, and W. Cambage.

NOWRA.—The Nowra Co-operative Dairy Company on Monday received word that the company's butter was opening up satisfactorily in London, of fine quality, flavour, and texture, and selling at 106s per cwt.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

WAGGA.—One truck load of cattle, from Toohool to Albury, J. Bolger owner; 3300 mixed sheep, Morven to Grenfell, via Wagga and Old Junee, Geo. Mitchell; 2228 fat sheep, Terrabanda to Melbourne, via Wagga, John Cook.

Mr. L. C. RAWLS, Searight, Ala., writes:—"My little boy, 5 years old, took WHOOPING COUGH. I thought he could not live. The doctor said his Lungs were diseased, and gave him medicine, but it did no good. JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT CURED HIM."—Advt.

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LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring.)

MOTION FOR CHANGE OF VENUE.

Kendall v Randall.

Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Mr. T. Marriot, of Nowra (by Messrs. Perkins and Fosbery), appeared for the defendant, and moved for a change of venue in the action from Wagga Wagga to Goulburn. Mr. Gannon, instructed by Mr. W. M. J. Walsh, of Wagga Wagga (by Messrs. M'Donell and Moffitt), appeared for the plaintiff to oppose the application. The action is one brought by John Henry Kendall against John Randall to recover compensation for the loss of certain stock which, with others, were agisted on the defendant's land. Plaintiff alleges that the loss complained of was caused by negligence on the part of the defendant. Defendant, however, denied the negligence charged against him. His Honor refused the application.

A THEATRICAL DISPUTE.

THE MUSGROVE COMIC OPERA COMPANY.

CLAIM BY LEMPRIERE PRINGLE.

MOTION TO SET ASIDE WRIT REFUSED.

Pringle v Musgrove.

Mr. Blacket, instructed by Mr. Walter G. Parish, appeared for the defendant, George Musgrove, and moved for an order setting aside the writ of summons in the action and the service of such writ. Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Messrs. Hughes and Hughes, appeared for the plaintiff, Henry Lempriere Pringle, to oppose the application. The action is one brought by the plaintiff, operatic artist, against defendant, the well-known theatrical entrepreneur, to recover the sum of £733, which he claims to be due to him for professional services rendered in connection with the defendant's late comic opera company.

Mr. Blacket asked for a postponement on the ground that the plaintiff had filed an affidavit setting out a number of matters which defendant had not had an opportunity of answering.

His Honor said he did not see what they had to do with the matters referred to, because the writ was issued under the Federal Act.

Mr. Blacket said that if his Honor thought it was not material that defendant should reply to the statements made by Mr. Pringle in the affidavit referred to he would not press for an adjournment.

His Honor said that there were a lot of irrelevant matters on both sides. The writ was issued under the Federal Act, and appeared to be right in form.

The grounds filed in support of the present application were (1) that the praecipe for the writ of summons does not show, nor does it appear therein that the writ of summons issued therein was for service out of the jurisdiction of this State; (2) that the writ of summons being for service out of the jurisdiction of this State does not comply with the requirements of section 18 of the Common Law Procedure Act, and does not follow form No. 3 in the second schedule to the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, inasmuch as it omits the following words in the mandatory part of the writ, namely, "By leave of a Court or the Judge." That the writ purports to be a writ specially endorsed under section 24 of the Common Law Procedure Act, and describes the defendant as being of the Theatre Royal, Castlereagh-street, Sydney, a place within the jurisdiction of this Court, and requires him to enter an appearance thereto within 31 days after service, whereas by rule 33 of the Supreme Court rules it is provided that the appearance of a defendant after service of a writ of summons specially endorsed shall be five days where every defendant resides in Sydney, and not over 100 miles therefrom. That the writ of summons did not comply with the requirements of section 18 of the Common Law Procedure Act, and does not bear the endorsement contained in form 3 to the second schedule purporting that the said writ is for service out of the jurisdiction of this Court, as it omits the words: "This writ is for service out of the jurisdiction of the Court, and was issued by ——, attorney for the said plaintiff," etc, being one of the endorsements required by section 18 and by form No. 3 in the second schedule to the Common Law Procedure Act. That the writ, although served out of the jurisdiction of this Court, shows on the face of it that the defendant resides within the jurisdiction. That the writ of summons shows on the face of it that the defendant resides at Sydney, and consequently cannot be served out of the jurisdiction. That the writ does not comply with the form given in the second schedule of the Act, and is irregular, (3) that the cause of action nor any part of it did not arise within the jurisdiction of this Court, or is not in respect of the breach of a contract made within the jurisdiction. The grounds of the application were supported by an affidavit made by Joseph Marks, managing clerk to Walter George Parish, defendant's solicitor, in which he made the following statements:—"The defendant left Sydney in the steamship Sonoma on the 21st inst en route for England, via America, and has not had an opportunity of reading the affidavits filed on the plaintiff's behalf. On December 14 last defendant wrote the following letter to the plaintiff: 'Princess Theatre, Melbourne, December 14, 1903. Dear Mr. Pringle,—I have received yours of the 7th inst. As you must know, I have been, and am at the present time, busily engaged with the law, and numerous other important matters. I have heard from Mr. Fink that you have also written him a letter. The statement of your views I have read, and that in conjunction with my own memory of what occurred in London seems to me that our friendly argument is settled by the summing up of the Chief Justice in Mme. Slapoffski's case. Will you come to Melbourne and see Mr. Fink? He will show you the shorthand notes of the summing-up. At the same time I do not wish to go back on my word—that at a meeting in our office you and I agreed to put the difference of opinion before an impartial third party. Having said so, I am still willing to carry that out. As I am immediately sailing, Mr. Fink will arrange to carry out our understanding, or if you prefer it we will appoint an impartial friend when we meet in London shortly.—Yours sincerely, George Musgrove.' On December 15 Mr. Theodore Fink wrote to plaintiff as follows:—'My dear Mr. Pringle,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst, and enclosure. I have discussed the matter fully with Mr. Musgrove, and ascertained his views of the facts. In the recent action by Mme. Slapoffski against him it appears to me the main questions in this difference between yourself and Mr. Musgrove have been dealt with. His Honor the Chief Justice in that action ruled that whatever the custom in grand opera might be as to three or four performances a week for a stated salary, that had nothing to do with the questions between the parties in connection with Madame's claim in comic opera; and he also ruled on the evidence before him not only of numerous independent witnesses but of Madame herself and her husband that the custom in the latter is for an artiste to give seven performances a week for a fixed weekly salary. Madame tried hard to establish the precedent that, as she received £25 per week of three performances in grand opera, equalling £8 6s 8d per performance, and was paid at that rate for extra performances over and above the three, and as the agreement was that in comic opera she should be paid the same as in grand opera, she was to be paid similarly in comic opera, that is really £8 6s 8d per performance. This view the learned Judge did not adopt; on the contrary, he directed the jury to dismiss all question of grand opera from their minds, and to regard the case as one where no real agreement as to the amount of salary had been arrived at, and therefore Madame was to be paid only what the jury thought would be a fair weekly salary, in view of her capabilities as a comic opera artiste. In arriving at the sum of £35 a week, I cannot help thinking the jury allowed a considerable amount of sympathetic consideration for an interesting lady to enter into their verdict. In your case, Mr. Musgrove is quite certain that his agreement with you was that he should pay you the same fixed weekly salary—£35—as he had formerly paid you, and that seems to me to be a far more consistent and business proceeding than the very vague and indefinite arrangement referred to by you. This salary of £35 a week has, I understand, been paid to you all through the engagement, and I also understand Mr. Musgrove has made you considerable advances from time to time on account of such salary, amounting to something like £300. Although it seems to me that the recent Slapoffski case has practically decided the differences between you and Mr. Musgrove in the latter's favour, and although I have so advised him, yet he instructs me that, having agreed with you that the questions between you should be submitted to some impartial third party for determination, he does not in any way desire to go back on that agreement if you should insist; on the contrary, he will give favourable consideration towards the appointment of any gentleman you may fairly and reasonably suggest to act as arbitrator. Yours truly, Theodore Fink.'"

Deponent further stated that these letters, defendant informed him, had been duly received by the plaintiff. In reply to another paragraph of the plaintiff's affidavit, deponent said that the cause of action was not admitted by the defendant in his affidavit to have arisen within this State; and deponent also said that plaintiff, since January 17 last, had, in pursuance of the terms of his engagement, been singing in "The Fortune Teller" at various places in the Commonwealth and in New Zealand during various dates of about 10 months of this year, and had been so engaged in the State of New South Wales for 48 performances or thereabouts only in the present year, being 41 performances or thereabouts in the months of January and February, and seven performances in the month of December.

His Honor, after hearing argument, dismissed the application with costs. He also refused an application for a stay of proceedings, and suggested that the parties should settle the matter by arbitration.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Arthur Henry, Registrar.)

PETITION FOR SEQUESTRATION.

Goode, Durrant, and Co., Limited, v Charles M'Cowan. On the application of Mr. Stinson (of Messrs. Pigott and Stinson), who appeared for the petitioning creditors, an order of sequestration was made, the act of bankruptcy being suspension of payment and voluntary sequestration on the 21st inst. Mr. L. T. Lloyd was appointed official assignee.

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 30.

Re Mercia Stuart Robertson. Mr. A. W. M'Carthy appeared for the official assignee. Mr. L. S. Spiller, First Commissioner of the Taxation Department, was examined by Mr. M'Carthy, and objected to produce income tax returns of the bankrupt. The Registrar, however, held that the returns must be produced, and the income tax return of bankrupt for 1902 was then put in. Mr. M'Carthy asked for an order that the costs of the examination should be paid by witness. The latter stated that he was advised by the Attorney-General that the return should not be produced. No order was made as to costs, and the examination closed.

CREDITORS' PETITION.

Toohey's, Limited, v Ellen Harding, of Kelso's Hotel, Oxford-street, Sydney, widow. Petition to be heard January 5.

LAW NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, December 31.
Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court, at 10.30 a.m.: Fuchs v Saunier.

POLICE COURTS.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

At the Water Police Court yesterday morning, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., Walter Taylor, 38, labourer, was charged with furious driving in Sydney-road, Randwick, and with maliciously damaging a sulky and harness to the extent of £5, the property of William Loosemore. It was stated that accused was drunk, and driving at a furious rate up and down the road, coming into collision at last with the prosecutor's sulky. Accused pleaded guilty, and was fined £2 or 14 days on the first charge, and £1 and costs, together with £5 damages, or two months' imprisonment, on the second charge.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

At the weekly meeting of the Water Licensing Court yesterday, the following renewals of publicans' licenses were granted:—James Butler, Cricketers' Arms Hotel, Darling-street, Balmain; John Charles Goodwin, Hotel Grand Central, 151 Clarence-street; Annie Dyer, Great Northern Hotel, Grosvenor-street. Transfers of publicans' licenses were granted as under:—Mary Madden to Archibald Brown, Thompson's Hotel, Cumberland street; William Poppens to Thomas Fox, Gordon Hotel, Campbell-street. The following transfers of colonial wine licenses were granted:—James Buckseth to Henry James Smith, 106 King-street; Reginald Pigon to Samuel B. Nicholl, 2 Bond-street.

POULTRY STEALING.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., Charles Hickey, 23, steward, and Herbert Douglas Crouch, 21, fireman, were charged with, in company, stealing two geese and one duck, the property of Fred. Brunwin, Alameda Hotel, Margaret-street, on the 24th inst. They were found guilty, and fined £6 each, or two months' imprisonment, one month being allowed for payment.

BREACH OF THE LICENSING ACT.

In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday William A. Hansford, the licensee of the Balmain Ferry Hotel, Erskine-street, was fined £3 and costs for selling liquor on Sunday, 20th inst, to other than bona-fide lodgers, inmates, or travellers.

STEALING A PURSE.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. H. Wilshire, S.M., Edward Wilson, 26, groom, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for stealing from Ella Hallwood a purse containing 2s 6d, a penknife, and a bank deposit slip, valued 15s, on the 21st inst.

BREACH OF THE EARLY CLOSING ACT.

Before Mr. Smithers, S.M., at the Central Summons Court yesterday, Thomas Alfred Field, carcase butcher, was charged with having employed three men for more than half an hour on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 28, an offence under the Early Closing Act. Senior-constable Nowlan, an inspector under the Act, stated that he went to defendant's shop, Matthew-street, Darling Harbour, at 2.45 p.m. on the date mentioned. The time of closing fixed by the Act was 1 o'clock on Wednesday afternoons. He saw Arthur Edward Catlett, accountant, Charles Holland, bookkeeper, and Montague Adams, clerk. Both Mr. Field and his assistants were spoken to, and their replies were unsatisfactory. Defendant was fined £2 and 8s costs in each case.

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LXIV.

NAN DID NOT MEAN TO BE AN OUTCAST TO ME.

I knew that it was not my speech so much as my attitude of retreat, evidenced in the one word, which hurt Nan. But it was too late. The word had been spoken.

Nan was silent for a space. Then she said piteously—

"Jock, I do not—quite—understand you."

"After a little while you will."

"I thought it was all—all plain now! All ended but the dear, dear—loving! The giving—taking!"

"After a while it will be—let us hope."

This speech of a fool but terrified her the more.

"Jock, you mean that I have—only——"

She gasped there, and was silent. My own soul was so full that I could not speak.

"Jock! Speak! I am brave!"

That wild and eerie cry of Nan's which I have heard only once before.

I cowered and slunk beneath my bandages.

"Jock—you mean—that I have made myself—im—possible—to—you!"

"Nan!" I chided.

"Jock, tell me the truth! I am brave—braver than you think! I want the truth!"

A long silence.

"Jock, you said—'Cousin Nan'! You thought Cousin Nan! You did not think Sweetheart! Wife! You thought only the least dear thing you could think of me! And—you always will!"

I did not deny it. Fool that I was, that is just what her first revelations had made me think! Oh, can you fancy it! I was glad that she was no more than my cousin Nan!

"Jock dear, I understand," said Nan very quietly.

And I could say no more. Her hand grew cold and limp, then slowly slipped from mine. I let it go. Nan spoke.

"Jock, I don't know what to do—quite. You must try to help me. I am alone. I have made myself an outcast. No—not the hand. It is cold! I am cold all through. Icy! Jock! I didn't do it right. The plan was right—yes. But I didn't do it right! And I must suffer for that—not you—not you any more. You shall not. Jock—I hope—I hope—you understand—that I didn't mean—Jock, for God's sake understand—that I didn't mean to be—an—an outcast—to—you!, I am—I am! I understand that now! I am! But I did not mean to be an outcast—to—you!"

She turned and ran from the room.

LXV.

NAN ALWAYS KISSED ME BEFORE—BUT—

Almost instantly she returned, laughing, caressing, bewitching—the old, old Nan!

"Jock, that was'nt nice of me," she cooed. "To bother you so while you are ill! And all on my own little account! The least I can do is to be—cheerful. Well, I will be. And then, when you are quite well, and my brave and strong and handsome and splendid Jock once more—then will be the time to make you—understand better. To offer you what is left of Nan. Dare you to refuse! Aha! Oh, if there is no other way, I'll go out and get myself all crushed! To a very jelly! Be in bed! Suffering! Mutilated! Then you'll come hurrying—hurrying, as to the telegraph office—and be sweet to me! And Jock, my dear—cousin—I will say cousin, too—I shall never get well! Never! And I'll call you 'Cousin' till you know how horrid it is. Yes! Till it makes you love me again! Don't you remember how I used to do that when we were sparring at love with our souls masked? Well, Jock, my old darling, that was just to make you love me—and it helped, didn't it?"

"Yes," I answered, in her dear humour.

"Do you know why? No—of course, dear old, dull Jock! Because then I can die in your arms! Oh, yes! You'd have to let me! I'm your cousin Nan—aha!"

Then she laughed, and had better have sobbed.

"Ah, don't be ill, Nan," I said. "One forgets when one would remember, and remembers when one would give anything to forget. One refuses what we would give heaven to take! Don't be ill!"

"But I must, Jock! Don't you see. That is the only way to make you take me!"

I never heard more piteous laughter.

"But—once before I thought I had invented a way to make you take me! Heigho!"

Then, with a leap, back to the other mood.

"Yes, I will, too! But I'll be sick only long enough to make you adore me again, aha! Then I'll jump out of bed and laugh at you! Aha! And you'll understand that it was all a trick—another—which has proved more successful. And you'll forgive it and call me all the sweetheart names you know—all at once—and I'll be that sorry! And you'll ask me to marry you, and I'll say a thousand yeses, and we'll live happy ever after! Aha! There! Shan't you like that—dear, dear, dear old Cousin Jock? Why, anyone would!"

"Don't be sick long—Nan. Not till your heart and mind and brain are in the chaos mine are at this moment——"

Dear Nan! Hurt as she was, she understood and helped me squirming about for a justification of my vileness toward her.

"Oh, yes! One mustn't be sick too long. That is tiresome. I know that you would swear that it was not—you're so sweet! But I won't be sick longer than long enough to fool you into—well—the dearest mistake you could make—for me. Men don't like imperfect women. So I would recover without a scar or a wrinkle, or a least blemish! I'd have my grey hair stained its original gold. And just at the time you were thinking that you would have to endure me, I'd wake up and show you that I was as good as new, and better too! And you'd be glad! And want me! You like my hair. Well, suppose it was all thin and grey! You like my eyes. Well, suppose they were blind or hidden by horrid glasses! Oh, bandages! Suppose I limped—a crutch—a huge scar on my face! No! I'd leap out of bed—the same old Nan—only better!"

I managed to get her dear hand.

"Why—Jock—your hand is cold."

"Yes."

I think I shivered.

"Jock, I thought I'd be gay and happy, and make you gay and happy—the nurse said I must come right back and do it—and I've been only horrid! Jock, I can't do without someone. You can't—yet. Take me. You will have to have things brought to you—the papers read. Hire me. I'll be cheap. Jock—dear, dear Cousin Jock—must I go—or may I cry, cry, cry here?"

"Cry here," said I.

She did—very softly—in some remote corner.

Then she came to say good-bye.

"Jock, I talk as if I had a cold in my head—and it's only my heart that's co-old! And dear Cousin Jock, I don't know what to do. I have always kissed you at leaving—sometimes twice—three times. But then I thought I—somehow—belonged to you. Now I suppose it would be—improper?"

I said nothing. Nan did not. Then:

"Just—as—you—like, Jock."

She moved to go.

LXVI.

WHAT HAVE SINNERS TO DO WITH THE WEDDING-RINGS OF ANGELS?

"Nan," I begged, "forgive me. But—I am a brute. I'm helpless. My brain seethes! When an immaculate thing has once been—made—oh!—"

"Go on," whispered Nan.

"A little less—it takes time to——"

After a silence Nan spoke the word I would not.

"Immaculate. Yes. I quite understand, dear, dear Jock. God bless you for your frankness."

She did not kiss me, but dropped quietly at my bedside. Thus we sat quite silent for a long time. Then Nan said:

"I must go."

She sat still for another moment. Then I felt something slip upon my finger. My mother's wedding-ring!

I seized it, with a weak impulse to restore it to Nan's finger. But a stronger and meaner one mastered that, and I did not.

"Nan, I didn't—say—that," I defended. "I didn't ask—that."

"No, my own dear, dear Jock!" whispered Nan. "But she did. She is an angel. I am a sinner. What have sinners to do with the wedding-rings of angels? Jock—dear, dear dear Jock—good-bye!"

Again a silence. I had a better defence ready now. I meant to temporise, as if Nan were an erring child. To tell her that it had all shocked me out of proportion to reason because it had come in such avalanches of recollection. My attitude had been almost entirely involuntary. I meant to ask her to wait—suspend judgment until I had become as familiar with the facts as she was; and then—when I could reason—we would talk—and no doubt to better purpose.

"Nan, dear——" I began. But Nan was gone.

And chaos—a huge and chilling void in which I cowered—was come.

And what demon was so demoniac as to repeat to my sensorium at this time these words of Nan's—

"'Do you think the frivolous woman could love the serious man—with a broken face? I don't. Good night.'"

And, from that on, backward all, that letter! Light enough then—deadly and sinister now—every word a stab! Go back with me and read it!

(To be continued.)

RELIEF AFTER SIX YEARS.

Mrs. M. A. Clark, of Timberry Range, New South Wales, Australia, writes:—"I wish to inform you of the wonderful benefit I have received from your valuable medicines. I suffered from a severe cough for six years, and obtained no relief until I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. One bottle cured me, and I am thankful to say that I have never had the cough since. Make any use of this letter that you like for the good of any other poor sufferers."—Advt.

MINERS' ACCIDENT FUND.

CONCESSIONS REFUSED.

At a recent conference of representatives of miners in the northern district, it was decided to present to the Minister for Mines the following petition with respect to the provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Fund:—(1) That allowances to beneficiaries should be increased 25 per cent. on present allowances. (2) That the minimum allowances to committees should be raised from £2 10s to £10. (3) That the expenses of the annual meetings should not be charged upon the committees, but should be borne by the board. The petition was sent round for signatures, and was largely signed by miners in northern, southern, and western districts.

Yesterday afternoon a deputation representing the miners, with the petition, was introduced to Mr. J. Kidd (Minister for Mines) by Mr. J. Estell, M.L.A. Messrs. Edden, Gilbert, Gillies, and Nicholson, M.s.L.A., accompanied the deputation. Mr. J. L. Fegan, Hon. Minister and president of the Miners' Accident Relief Fund, was present with Mr. Kidd.

After considerable discussion the Ministers replied that with regard to the first request the Act provided that before any alteration could be made in allowances, an actuarial report must be received regarding either an increase or decrease. In the present case the Government Statistician's report was unfavourable, and therefore the request could not be complied with. Respecting the second clause of the petition, the Ministers said it was absurd to ask for the minimum allowance to be increased to £10, especially in view of the fact that in some cases receipts only amounted to £14. The request for £10 out of that amount was unreasonable. With respect to the third request the Ministers thought that the expenses of the annual meeting were so trifling that there were no reasons why they should be borne by the board.

THE DRUMMOYNE STABBING CASE.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

GILCHRIST COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The inquest on the body of John Fitchie Dodds, who died in the Balmain Cottage Hospital as the result of a stab inflicted during a quarrel at Drummoyne on October 30, was resumed at the City Coroner's Court yesterday morning before Dr. R. H. Todd, Acting City Coroner. The only additional evidence taken was with regard to the fence which Davis had referred to, and which Senior-constable Kay, on being recalled, stated was 7ft high, and could be easily looked over by anyone on the inside. The summing up by the Coroner occupied about an hour, and the jury retired to consider their verdict at 11 o'clock. At 11.45 they returned with a verdict of manslaughter against William Gilchrist, who was committed to take his trial at the Central Criminal Court at Darlinghurst on February 15. Bail was allowed, self in £200 and two in £100 each.

CUSTOMS DUTY ON PILLS.

In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., the hearing was resumed of the case in which J. T. T. Donohoe, Inspector of Customs, proceeded against Peter Brits, the local manager of the Foster-M'Clellan Company, who are the importers of "Doan's Backache Kidney Pills," on an information that he did, on October 16, 1901, in a certain declaration then produced to a Customs officer, unlawfully make an untrue statement, that is, that certain goods therein referred to were of the value of £308 8s 8d, whereas the value was £9728 8s 5d, contrary to the Act in such cases made and provided, whereby the said Peter Brits had incurred a penalty exceeding £500, but the excess over and above this amount was abandoned.

Mr. C. G. Wade, instructed by Mr. Robison, appeared on behalf of the Crown, whilst defendant, who pleaded not guilty, was defended by Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Mr. Mark Mitchell.

After argument by counsel, Mr. Isaacs said he had come to the conclusion that a nominal penalty would meet the case. He was satisfied that no fraud was intended, for the pills were imported in exactly the same way under freetrade. Section 144 was certainly vague, but he was of opinion that the interpretation put upon it by Mr. Wade was correct, and that duty was payable upon the actual value of the pills when boxed and labelled, and finally completed in marketable form, less the cost of labour and material. He would impose a fine of £25, or two months' imprisonment.

Mr. Mitchell intimated that his clients would probably appeal against the decision.

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Some Auckland and Rotorua Pictures is the title of excellent illustrations in the "Mail."—Advt.

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BIRTHS.

FINLAY.—December 25, at Glendinning, Balmain, the wife of Sinclair Finlay—a son.

SIMPSON.—December 28, 1903, at her residence, 104 Paddington-street, Sydney, New South Wales, the wife of James Simpson—a son.

MARRIAGES.

BRIGHT—CLUBB.—December 1, 1903, at Sydney, Harold W. Bright, late H.M.S. Ringarooma, to Amy C. N. Clubb.

DEATHS.

BECK.—November 22, at Lee, Kent, England, John Beck, in his 78th year, formerly of Adelaide. (F. J. Beck and Co.)

BETHEL.—December 29, 1903, at her residence, Fitzroy-street, Marrickville, Ellen Ann B thel, aged 82 years.

BUCKINGHAM.—December 29, 1903, at her late residence, Lane Cove-road, Pymble, Helen, the beloved wife of James Buckingham, aged 51 years.

DAWSON.—December 30, 1903, at her late residence, Bosvth, Carabella-street, North Sydney, Jane, relict of the late David S. Dawson, in her 65th year.

DUFFIN.—December 29, 1903, Henrietta, the beloved wife of John Duffin, of Ashfield, aged 52 years.

FLAKELAR.—December 15, 1903, at Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, of fever, William Terence, dearly beloved son of John and Mary Flakelar, of Cooma, aged 24 years. (Interred Kalgoorlie Cemetery December 17, 1903.) His end was peace.

M'LOUGHLIN.—December 30, Arthur, the dearly beloved only son of Alfred and Clara M'Loughlin, of Tempe, aged 8 months. "Forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

MUIR.—December 26, 1903, at her residence, Woolnough-road, Exeter, South Australia, Blanche Isabel, the beloved wife of J..mes Blake Muir, and dearly loved daughter of the late S. J. Myers and E. D. Myers, late of Westwood, Glebe Point, aged 31 years.

NEWMAN.—December 30, 1903, at her late residence, Brae-Moray, Cabramatta-road, Mosman, Elizabeth C. M. S. T., widow of the late Rev. Charles D. Newman, aged 62 years.

O'BRIEN.—December 28, 1903, at 48 Cameron-street, Paddington, Annie O'Brien, second daughter of Annie Shannon, and sister of Mrs. Congrove, Mrs. Dun op; also Kate, John, and Jim Shannon.

ROBERTSON.—December 25, 1903, at St. Faith's, Codrington-street, Darlington, May Ellen, beloved wife of Horace Robertson, in her 24th year. At rest.

RUSDEN.—December 23, at his residence, Cotmandene, South Yarra, Melbourne, George William Rusden, in his 85th year, third son of the late Rev. George Keylock Rusden, of Leith Hill-place, Surrey, and of Holmwood, East Maitland, New South Wales.

SWAN.—At his residence, 12 Dixon-street, Darling Harbour, William Henry, second son of the late R. Swan, farrier, aged 38.

THISTLETHWAYTE.—December 30, 1903, at Lawson, Elena, relict of the late Wm. Thistlethwayte, M.A., vice-principal West Riding Proprietary School, Wakefield, and only surviving child of the late Felix Zambelli, Chief Justice Ionian Islands, aged 90 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

EXELL.—In memory of my husband, who died at his residence, Banks Meadow, Botany, December 31, 1898. Inserted by his loving wife, Annie Exell, Banks Meadow, Botany.

PARDEY.—In sad but loving memory of Dr. C. W. Pardey, who passed away December 31, 1902. Inserted by his affectionate wife and children.

One less on earth.
Its pain, its sorrow, and its toil to share,
One less the pilgrim's daily cross to bear;
One more the crown of ransomed souls to wear,
At home in Heaven. Deeply mourned.

PARDEY.—An old patient's remembrance of Dr. C. W. Pardey. Obit December 31, 1902. Not forgotten.

THOMPSON.—In sad but loving memory of my beloved wife, Jane, who departed this life December 31, 1897. Inserted by her loving husband, William H. Thompson.

THOMPSON.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dearest mother, Jane Thompson, who departed this life December 31, 1897. Inserted by her loving children, Willie, Ethel, and Miriam.

WALSH.—In sad and loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Edward Thomas Walsh, Lord Kitchener's Bodyguard, who died from gunshot wounds in Standerton Hospital, South Africa, December 31st, 1901, aged 20 years and 3 months.

Two years have passed away, dear son,
No more thy face we'll see;
But with a parent's dearest love,
Our memory clings to thee.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the days of life are fled;
And in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

Inserted by his loving parents and brothers, J. J. and J. Walsh, and Joe and Arthur.

WEST.—In loving memory of Clarice, youngest and dearly loved daughter of W. G. and M. West, who died December 31, 1901, aged 11 years. God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform. Inserted by her loving mother and sisters.

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FEDERATION AND THE STATE.

One of the results of the elections has been, as we expected, to emphasise the dissatisfaction of this State with the manner in which the business of the Federation has been conducted since our first Federal Ministers entered on their Federal trust. It cannot be denied that New South Wales has grave grounds of disappointment. We gave greater hostages to the Federal future than any other State. We stood to lose more by a failure of federation, since we were the best able to stand alone. But we recognised that in the manifest destiny of these lands the several Australian States were bound to federate sooner or later, that the difficulties and cost would increase with time, and that the opportunity we accepted was a favourable one. This State cheerfully and hopefully faced the certainty that the sudden break from provincial governing interests and intercolonial habits of thought to the broader Federal arena would probably not be accomplished without a certain amount of friction. A process of adaptation to new conditions had to be faced, and it was to be expected that some obstacles would have to be overcome, and some stiffness met with in the running of the new machinery. But that hazard was accepted. We had confidence in the loyalty and the promises of the Federal leaders, and we felt that this confidence was fortified by the assurance that these leaders were also the makers of the Federation, and that their political and Federal reputations were pledged to the honourable working out of the Federal scheme. The whole Federation felt, with New South Wales, that the Federal experiment was safe in their hands, and that while every fair allowance was made for the unavoidable contingencies of the new Federal departure there need be no doubt as to the soundness of the experiment and the good faith of those who conducted it.

Last night's meeting at the School of Arts, small and non-representative as it proved, was intended to give expression to the people's dissatisfaction with federation. There was a suggestion of Tooley-street about the "demonstration," with its more or less interested attendance of some three hundred people, and its noticeable absence of any representative public men. The anti-Federal leaders of three years ago were not to be seen. The voices of the prominent critics of Federal administration were silent. Half the audience voted for a resolution calling on the Lord Mayor to convene a meeting to demand the withdrawal of New South Wales from the Commonwealth. The whole business was a fiasco. The common sense of the people scouted it at once. We have entered on an irrevocable Federal compact, and that is an end of the matter. As in the United States, there will be friction and dissatisfaction, but the elements which cause both will in due time settle down. We are not to be seriously expected to withdraw from a national compact because Federal Ministers refused to relieve the necessities of the State by a suspension of the fodder duties, or because the gerrymandering tactics of Ministers secured inequality of voting in the Federal election, or because Victorian influence predominates in the Cabinet and at the seat of government. We cannot even accept as a serious reason for such a step the protectionist tariff forced upon New South Wales, or a long delay in fixing the site of the Federal capital. All these things are matters of administration. We may have every reason to be dissatisfied with them; and with other instances of blundering and mismanagement. It may even be admitted that we have been more than usually unfortunate in our first Federal managers and administrators. But these are not the consequences of federation, but of the mistakes or otherwise of its administrators.

It is against these that the criticism of dissatisfied federalists must be directed, and now that the question has been raised, however obscurely, it is right that the position should be made clear even at the risk of repetition. We may freely admit that New South Wales has no reason to be satisfied with the Federal events of the past three years. We may even go so far as to say that in some respects this State has grounds for serious dissatisfaction. But we share them with all the States, and the dissatisfaction is not felt on merely provincial grounds. The federalists of New South Wales, in common with the federalists of the Commonwealth generally, lay a grave charge against Federal Ministers past and present in this matter. We have stated this charge before, but for the sake of clearness we may state it here again. The charge is, and though often made it still remains unanswered, that our first Federal Ministers proved unfaithful to the high federal trust which they solicited, and which was freely and generously conferred upon them. They pledged themselves to a revenue federal tariff, and they brought in one modelled so far as was found possible on high Victorian lines. In the endeavour to drive that tariff through both Houses the time of Parliament was practically wasted during many months, the machinery bills were postponed in consequence, and the whole business of the federation was brought to a standstill. What became of the pledges of Ministers? They and their promises were paralysed by their own action. The representatives and senators of this State, backed up by others, made a strong protest. Then the general election came, after nearly three years' delay. Its verdict is as we have seen, and it amounts, not to a censure on federation so far as the voice of New South Wales is concerned, but to a vote of overwhelming censure on the first Ministers of the Commonwealth, of whom three were sent forward by New South Wales.

THE ILLAWARRA ELECTION.

The nomination of three candidates for the vacant Illawarra seat clears the air to some extent, and instead of four or five Oppositionists seeking to split the reform vote there are now but two in the field. Mr. Ritchie, the Labour nominee, is thus in a triangular duel, and he still hopes to score at the expense of Messrs. Allen and Lysaght. It is well, therefore, that the Illawarra electors who favour reform should take stock of the situation. To some extent they are worse off with two strong suppliants for their votes than with twice as many, because discipline could be better enforced as against the larger number. That is to say, the endorsed candidate would command a better chance because of the manifest impossibility of success with four reform candidates fighting for the seat. A gift to the Labour party would be so certain that in sheer self defence reformers would keep together and pocket their differences in a strong support of one man. But with Mr. Lysaght plausibly announcing his likelihood of splitting the Labour vote, and with Mr. Ritchie advocating reform, as if the Labour party had never thought of, or longed for, anything else, Mr. Allen may find it exceedingly difficult to command all the votes he requires for victory. The call, therefore, to the Illawarra electors must be loud and insistent that they recognise the gravity of the position. They cannot afford to accept any risks. Mr. Lysaght's personal claims, as well as his promised victory by aid of the mining vote, must be put aside in the interests of a great cause; and the course pursued at Moree must be adopted if reform is not to receive a serious set back. The difficulty now is that nobody dares speak on a public platform as an advocate of the Government; and its policy of trimming and trickery is at a discount. All the more reason, then, why there should be close discrimination, so that the false friends of reform may receive their proper brand. Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Lysaght in this respect may be in opposite camps, but in so far as they are fighting for party or personal aggrandisement they are companions in arms. The reform movement knows neither party nor persons; and Mr. Carruthers and his colleagues can only triumph as the discipline which has done so much in the past is continued at Illawarra.

In thus advocating a strong and united support for Mr. Allen, the endorsed reform candidate, we would point out that his defeat will be interpreted by the enemies of reform as a sign of reaction. The overwhelming vote cast at the referendum will be used by them, also, as a reason why electors should now please themselves; and capital will be sought to be made of the expressed voice of the people. The Labour party is already trimming its sails to the wind. It is urged in effect that reform has been accepted, and that it does not matter what body of politicians is made the instrument of its final achievement. But if those who through evil and through good report have held up the banner of reform are to be thrown over, because they have forced the hands of their opponents, there will be a reaction indeed. The battle of reform will be lost at the moment of victory. Illawarra has to remember that at this juncture no electorate can go alone. Electors must not assume that their folly or weakness will not affect the reform movement. Let Mr. Allen be defeated, and the shock will be felt everywhere. It will be a sign to hungry, hopeful aspirants for political honours to swarm out in every electorate when opportunity offers. If, on the other hand, the example set in Moree is followed, and the endorsed reform candidate is returned, reformers everywhere will find their hands strengthened. Overlapping candidature will not be so hard to deal with; and the mouths of those who insist that the people of New South Wales are not really in earnest about reform will be stopped. It should be remembered, too, that Parliament is to be called together directly to give effect to the referendum vote. Anxious politicians will be only too glad to juggle with a new situation, if it is supposed that the Labour party as advocating reform, after pouring contempt upon it, may be trusted to keep control. Every reason exists, therefore, why Illawarra should elect Mr. Allen as its member. His return will strengthen Mr. Carruthers' hands, but it will more firmly announce for the benefit of the Labour party that coats cannot be turned or sails trimmed with impunity in this State.

THE NEW MAIL SERVICE.

The indications are not yet sufficiently strong to give any idea of what tenders are likely to be put in for the new mail contract which the Federal Government is desirous of letting. Inquiries are being made, and hints are being dropped, but until further facts are available it is useless to surmise. What may be accepted as fairly certain, however, is that Federal legislation has not made things easier either for the Commonwealth or for possible tenderers. Australia must pay for her whistle if she is determined to have one that is only capable of accentuating discord and destroying harmony. This point is worth emphasising afresh, because the Queensland Government is pressing hard for an extension of the terminus to Brisbane. If fads and fancies are to cost us dear in a new mail service based upon present limits, it would be madness to extend the latter and increase the cost unless some substantial makeweight is to be secured. We do not, of course, argue the point that other things being equal it is desirable to link up the Australian coast with one comprehensive service. The ideal of union must eventually be realised, by joining Western Australia with the East by a railway, and by uniting the ports of the Commonwealth by means of mail boats. But in this view the Queensland coast north of Brisbane is worthy of consideration, and no doubt the time will come when Rockhampton and Townsville will put in as urgent claims for recognition as the capital city.

In the immediate present, however, the question of ways and means is so involved that no extension of the mail service will be justified that lays additional burdens on the backs of the taxpayers of the States. For the point is that every addition to Federal expenditure means less available revenue for the States. As the Federal Treasurer's returns under the Braddon clause diminish, the necessity is laid upon the State Treasurers to find more money from direct taxation. Retrenchment is, of course, always a means of helping to make ends meet, and much remains to be done under that head in some of the States. But it would be folly to contend that a heavy additional subsidy for the new mail service should be found on the off chance that the States who will feel the pinch of it most can just manage to meet the new demands. The question to-day for Australia is something other than the just affording a luxury. It is needful to take the view of the old-time economist who said that when he was asked whether he could not afford a certain article of dress, he replied: "It is not whether I can afford it: can I do without it?" Queensland assuredly cannot afford to add to her engagements. She is likely to receive less than ever from the Federal Treasurer as the months go by, and her retrenchment schemes are causing suffering enough as it is. She argues, of course, that the cost of an extension of the mail service should be distributed among the States as new expenditure. But this only emphasises our contention that unless the cost can be justified on purely business grounds it had better not be incurred, for the other States have all they can carry at the present moment. For the rest it may be noted that the service of mails is not prejudiced in any way by keeping to the existing terminus. The railway connection with Adelaide serves Brisbane as well as Melbourne and Sydney, and we doubt very much whether a case can be made out from the point of view of cargo needs or offerings.

The Meeting of Parliament.—The Cabinet met yesterday, and when Sir John See was interviewed afterwards he said the date of the assembling of Parliament had not been fixed, because until the arrangements for the redistribution of seats had further progressed it was not possible to fix a definite date. Asked whether any business other than that of the Redistribution Bill would be taken, the Premier replied, "No, none at all."

Australian Credit.—Our London correspondent on October 27 wrote:—Another of the periodical "fulminations" of the "Daily Mail" against what it is pleased to regard as the extravagance of the New South Wales Government has recently appeared. On this occasion it is pointed out that the expenditure of the colony has risen from 9½ millions in 1899 to £11,000,000 in 1903, and much was deduced from the figures. But it is thought that investors are getting a little tired of these tirades, inasmuch as the colonial stocks have since increased slightly in price. The 4 per cents. rose one on the 24th inst, while the 3½ and 3 per cents. each rose ½. The particular journal in question evidently thinks itself more powerful than it is. Certainly Australians here are saying so.

Proposal to Withdraw from Federation.—What was described on the cards of invitation as a preliminary meeting to consider "Withdrawal from the Victorian Federation" was held at the School of Arts, Pitt-street, last night. About 300 persons, including a number of ladies, were present. Mr. John Haynes, M.L.A., who convened the meeting, was the principal speaker. He stated that since entering federation New South Wales had received nothing but degradation and insult. The action of the Federal Government with reference to the retention of fodder duties, the saddling of the people with a highly protective tariff, the neglect to fix the federal capital site, and the retention of the seat of Government in Melbourne were cited as proofs of the speaker's contention. The States were, he said, as far from real union as ever. The shades of Cromwell, the late Mr. Gladstone, Sir Henry Parkes, and the repeal of the Corn Laws were invoked in turn to support the arguments advanced, and Mr. Haynes concluded by moving that the Lord Mayor be asked to convene a meeting in the Town Hall to consider the advisableness of taking a referendum of the people as to whether or not they should continue in the federation. The resolution was carried, about half of those present voting for it. There was a good deal of interruption, and a large section of the audience, which could scarcely be called a representative one, had apparently come hoping to obtain some amusement.

Some Women Politicians.—There were some politicians who waged a keen but ineffective struggle in our State Parliament against the enfranchisement of women. These gentlemen would probably have experienced much delight, and would have used the time-honoured and well-worn phrase "I told you so," had they been present at the meeting held last night in the School of Arts with reference to withdrawal from federation. There was a number of women present in the front seats who applauded Mr. John Haynes, the principal speaker, with much vigour. When, however, a gentleman spoke against Mr. Haynes' views and characterised the gathering as "a movement for rebellion" some of the women became wildly excited. One in particular cried out in strident tones, "Rats" and "Bunkum," whilst others demanded that the speaker "sit down," and yet others dubbed him a "Victorian traitor."

An Offer for New South Wales Wheat.—The Minister for Mines and Agriculture received a cable message yesterday from Mr. Suttor, the commercial agent for Japan and the East. It was sent from Yokohama, and read as follows:—"Have just received an offer for wheat, 120s per ton of 2240lb gross: 500 tons. Insure against all risks, insure against war risks. Commission, freight, insurance: per steamer; January shipment. Draw at four months' sight, London.—Suttor." The message came in code, and the department does not assume to fully understand it.

Was the Railway Department Dilatory?—The Railway Department takes exception to a message from our Milton correspondent published yesterday, in which it was stated that certain broken refrigerating machinery sent to Sydney by the local butter factory was unduly delayed. The statement was, further, that the machinery was booked at Nowra on Thursday for immediate carriage to Sydney, but that the train delivered it only on the following Monday at noon. The Commissioners object to be charged with such a neglect as the allegation, if true, would show. The official statement of the facts are that the machinery was received at Nowra on Thursday, December 24, at 1 p.m., and it reached Darling Harbour the same evening, too late for delivery. The next day was Christmas Day, then followed Boxing Day, and then Sunday. No application was made for it, and it was sent out by the department and delivered on Monday morning.

Complaint by Railway Excursionists.—Some of the residents along the western railway line who took advantage of the Christmas excursions to Sydney and back have complained that they were not permitted to return by the mail train leaving Sydney on Sunday night without paying an excess charge, and that therefore they were much inconvenienced. The answer of the Railway Department is that it carried out faithfully all that it promised. Full particulars of the conditions under which the excursion tickets were issued were circulated and published, and all purchasers of tickets knew the contract they were entering into with the department. Excursion trains are run at cheap rates on business lines as well as to convenience distant residents. But the regular traffic for which full fares are charged has to be conserved, and consequently western line excursionists are not carried on the Sunday night mail at excursion rates, the excess being imposed to discourage the use of the mail by this special traffic, as the ordinary traffic usually fully taxes the accommodation. Whether extra privileges should be accorded excursionists is another question; the point that the department makes is that it charges a certain sum for specified privileges, and the excursionist who buys a ticket knows what he is paying for, and if he finds he wants additional privileges he must expect to pay additional for them. The Commissioners contend they give very liberal terms, and point out that the only western mail barred to returning excursionists is that which leaves on Sunday night.

The Nyngan-Cobar Train Service.—For some time past the Railway Commissioners have had under consideration the matter of improving the train service between Nyngan and Cobar, so that passengers arriving at Nyngan by the mail train from Sydney might proceed direct to stations on the Cobar line, and, similarly, that passengers arriving at Nyngan from Cobar line stations might proceed without delay in the direction of Sydney. Owing to the traffic requirements in other directions a delay has hitherto taken place on three days of the week, but the Commissioners now announce that from Monday, 11th proximo, a through service will be given daily, Sundays excepted, leaving Nyngan for Cobar at 12.38 p.m. (after arrival of the down mail from Sydney) and arriving at Cobar at 5.0 p.m. On the up journey the train will leave Cobar at 9.50 a.m., arrive at Nyngan at 2.0 p.m., and after being allowed time for refreshments passengers can go forward by the Sydney mail leaving Nyngan at 2.40 p.m.

The English Mails.—The R.M.S. India arrived at Fremantle at 11 a.m. yesterday. She brings mails bearing the date of London, December 4, which should reach Sydney in time for delivery at about 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday next. The mails which left Sydney by the R.M.S. Orontes on November 24 arrived in London on December 26, one day in advance of contract date.

The Canadian Mail Service.—Owing to the rearrangement of the time-table of the Canadian-Australian steamers, the R.M.S. Miowera will sail from Sydney on February 1 for Vancouver, via the usual ports of call. The stay at Suva will not exceed a day, but an opportunity will be afforded passengers to go ashore to see the sights.

The Mishap to the Essen.—The steamship Essen, of the fleet of the German-Australian Steamship Company, Limited, which recently met with a mishap on the coast of New Caledonia, arrived at Sydney yesterday, and berthed at Woolloomooloo Bay. Captain Petersen, the marine superintendent of the company, who conducted the salvage operations, was a passenger by the vessel. The Essen, while on her way to Nehoue to load chrome ore, became stranded on Bilaboa Reef, situated at the north-western end of New Caledonia, and remained fast until she was towed off by the steam tug Victoria, which was despatched from Sydney for the purpose. The vessel fortunately escaped serious damage, and no water found its way into the ship on the passage across. She will, however, be docked at the earliest opportunity for examination, and, if necessary, repairs will be effected. The tug Victoria returned to Sydney on Saturday last.

It is notified that after completion of ordinary tramway services to-night late trams will be run from the city to the various suburbs.

The workers on behalf of indigent out-door hospital patients at the Glebe, Surry Hills, and Woolloomooloo have issued an appeal for funds to carry out relief.

"Billious" complains that men are kept waiting several days before they can get payment of a few shillings from the State Labour Bureau.

By breaking one of the plateglass windows, burglars effected an entrance to Mr. F. Passau's jewellery shop in the Sydney Arcade on Tuesday night, and removed bracelets and bangles to the value of about £14.

A photograph of Fitz-Grafton, Winner of the Queensland T.C. Derby and Sandgate Handicap, is in the "Mail."—Advt.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

CONFERENCE OF STATE TREASURERS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Sir George Turner now feels fairly assured that the State Treasurers will be able to meet him in this city in the first week of February to discuss the State debts' and transferred properties' questions.

SURVEYS OF CAPITAL SITES.

The Minister for Home Affairs has completed arrangements with the New South Wales Government for the despatch of survey parties to the Tumut and Bombala districts, so that they may make a rough contour survey of suitable capital sites. The leaders of the parties will visit Melbourne next week to confer as to the method of procedure which they will follow.

VALUES OF TRANSFERRED PROPERTIES.

Action is being taken to check the estimates which the Queensland and Western Australian Governments have made of the value of their transferred properties and services. It is unlikely that a commission will be appointed as proposed at one time to adjust the claims of the several States. The Inspector-General of Public Works, who will shortly be gazetted, will probably be entrusted with this onerous task.

THE STELLING CASE.

The Prime Minister said to-day nothing new had transpired in connection with the Stelling case. Stelling is still at large, and Mr. Deakin observed, "We are quite ready to accept any writ which he may issue for damages."

"But do you not purpose deporting him?"

"If he is anxious to have a shot at us we don't want to put any obstacle in his way. The question of deportation will be suspended for this purpose."

REGULATIONS UNDER THE EXCISE ACT.

The Minister for Customs has issued the following regulations under the Excise Act, 1901:—In cases where the Minister decides to hold an inquiry the following shall be the rules therefor:—The person who occupies the position of defendant in a case shall have full opportunity of bringing forward his evidence and of defending himself. The person who occupies the position of prosecutor shall make a short statement of his case. The evidence of witnesses supporting the charge shall be taken. Such witnesses may be cross-examined by the defendant and re-examined by the prosecutor. The defendant witnesses shall then give their evidence, and the defendant may himself give evidence. Such witnesses may be cross-examined by the prosecutor and re-examined by the defendant. The defendant, or person appearing for him, may then address the conductor of the inquiry, and the prosecutor shall have the right of reply. The conductor of the inquiry shall then give his decision, or reserve his decision until some future day and time, which he shall announce. The defendant may be represented by counsel or (with approval of the conductor of the inquiry) by some other person. The conductor of the inquiry shall not regard legal forms or solemnities, but shall direct himself by the best evidence procurable or laid before him, whether it be such evidence as the law would require or admit in either case or not. He may reject any evidence he considers irrelevant. All examinations shall be on oath. The conductor of the inquiry may call for or require the production of any evidence or witness he thinks necessary.

THE TRANSAUSTRALIAN RAILWAY.

Mr. Reid was reported to have said in Perth that the Prime Minister was only persuaded to agree to push on with the Transaustralian railway project on the eve of the elections. Mr. Deakin remarked to-day:—"Oh, that statement is only one of Mr. Reid's jests. It is a joke. I announced our policy at Ballarat, and I never varied my first statement in any way."

NATURALISATION ACT.

The Naturalisation Act comes into force on January 1, and the subjoined notice appeared in the Commonwealth "Gazette" which was issued to-day:—"Persons desiring to become naturalised in the Commonwealth of Australia should communicate with the secretary of the Department of External Affairs, Melbourne, who will forward the necessary forms and instructions as to the manner in which they are to be filled in. Applicants are invited to give their exact address, and to state whether they have been naturalised in the United Kingdom. Persons naturalised under State Acts before October 13 last, becomes naturalised under the Federal Act on Friday without having to take out any new certificates, but those who obtained naturalisation after the date mentioned will have to obtain an endorsement of their papers by the Secretary for External Affairs."

Senator Guthrie (S.A.) has taken possession of the seat in the Senate formerly used by Mr. Glassey; Senator Pearce (W.A.) has marked off his old seat on the back Opposition cross bench.

PERSONAL.

Mr. P. Gornell, who acted as returning officer for South Sydney at the Federal elections, was last evening presented with a gold Waltham watch.

The Lord Mayor Elect, Alderman S. E. Lees, will attend officially at the Town Hall on Monday next, January 4.

Mr. Irvine, Premier of Victoria, left Melbourne yesterday on a holiday trip to Tasmania. He will be absent from Victoria for about a fortnight.

It is announced that Herr Albert Friedenthal, the well-known pianist, is shortly going to undertake another trip around the world, during which he will visit America, Australia, India, and South Africa.

Prior to leaving Yass for Wagga, Mr. F. N. Oxley, resident engineer, was entertained at a farewell dinner at the Commercial Hotel, Yass. It was decided to make him a presentation which will be sent on at a later date.

At a meeting of the Melbourne University Council yesterday Dr. W. A. Osborne, M.B., was appointed professor of physiology. Dr. Osborne was one of the three applicants recommended by the University committee in London.

During the repetition of the Christmas Carol Festival in the Balmain Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, Miss Alice Mackenzie was presented with a gold brooch in recognition of her services as lady soloist. The presentation was made by Rev. J. F. Blair on behalf of the carol singers.

Mr. Edmund Fosbery, C.M.G., has within the past few days received numerous letters from all parts of the State, congratulating him upon his excellent record as Inspector-General of Police, and wishing him all possible happiness in the well-earned rest that he is now about to enter upon.

Postmaster Bro. E. Hockey, who is leaving Grafton for Sydney, was presented on Tuesday evening by the Prince Leopold and Ulmarra Masonic lodges with a Grand Lodge jewel, in recognition of his services as grand district inspector of workings for the Clarence district, a position he has held for 14 years. Mr. Hockey was a prominent citizen, and was Mayor of Grafton for several years.

On relinquishing the head mastership of the Bega Grammar School, the Rev. A. J. Rolfe was presented by the boys with a silver rose bowl as a mark of affection and esteem. The members of the parochial council of St. John's, Bega, presented him with an illuminated address as a recognition of their appreciation of his work for the parish. Mr. Rolfe takes charge of Wolaroi Grammar School, Orange, at the beginning of the new year.

Our London correspondent on November 27 wrote:—Dr. Storie Dixson, Lecturer on Materia Medica in Sydney University, arrived in London a few days ago after a very interesting tour through Canada and the United States. He was mainly, I believe, enjoying himself, but in the course of his tour he obtained much valuable information in connection with museums and kindred institutions, in which he is interested. He will shortly proceed to Scotland, and after that to Germany.

At the Professional Musicians' Association Rooms yesterday morning a presentation, which took the form of a gold locket, was made to Mr. J. A. Delany, on behalf of the members of the professional orchestra, in recognition of his labours in the preparation of "The Dream of Gerontius." Mr. E. Rivers Allpress presided over the gathering, and among others present were Mr. W. H. Wale, Herr Gerard Vollmar, Sir W. P. Manning, Signor Alberti, Messrs. J. F. Lewis, G. Crock, Bennett Smith, W. F. Jones, Archie Fraser, and others.

This week's "Mail" has a page of Sydney street scenes entitled "Christmas Snapshots."—Advt.

THE STATE MINISTRY.

RUMOURS OF CHANGES.

DENIAL BY THE PREMIER.

FURTHER TALK OF RECONSTRUCTION.

The publicity given in the "Herald" yesterday to rumours regarding pending changes in the Government considerably disturbed the Ministerial dovecot yesterday. When Cabinet reconstruction is projected, it is usual for Ministers to observe the utmost secrecy, and point-blank denial of anything at all unusual becomes part of the armour adopted. Practice has satisfied politicians that there is no other safe course, and thus it is that often official denials are hard followed by practical justification of rumour. As will be seen from the interview published below, Sir John See said the article in the "Herald" was baseless. He went no further than that. But while most of his colleagues sought safety in retreat behind their closed doors, one Minister went the length of saying. "There is nothing in it; there are going to be no changes in the Ministry."

But while these denials are made or inferred, the air grows thicker with political whisperings, and one thing is clear beyond doubt, that the Ministry is not, nor has it been for many months, a united and happy family. It is said that long ago, when the Premier declared he would not throw his colleagues to the wolves, great efforts were being made to shift Mr. O'Sullivan. But he would not go. Of course, long prior to that a pretty little row ended in the ejection of Mr. Wood from the Cabinet, despite the Premier's declaration that from the formation of the Cabinet to the present time there had been no dissensions in it. As supporting the statement that Mr. Fegan is to be given a portfolio, politicians in the know recall how a little while ago the Government, or certain members of it, decided to re-create the Justice portfolio in order to put Mr. Fegan in it. Despite statements to the contrary, there is a widespread belief that Mr. Fegan is going to get a portfolio, and that other changes will be made. The publication of the suggested changes may upset the plans somewhat and delay developments, but there is a strong feeling that the delay will not be long.

It is on record in "Hansard" that Sir John See contemplates early retirement. He said as much in the last days of the session. It is known that Mr. Crick wants to leave the Lands Department. He has said so officially, and talked of his Land Bill having satisfied him for life so far as the Lands Department administration is concerned. Then there is a statement that Mr. Wise wants to go back to the Legislative Assembly, and would prefer to re-enter as Premier. The statement goes so far as to name a constituency which he thinks he could win. How far, however, that story can be regarded as sound is problematical, because it is difficult to conceive Mr. Wise throwing up the comforts of the Legislative Council for the Premiership of a Ministry which he must recognise is in decay. True, he is a man of strong views, and may conceive the idea that he could rehabilitate the Ministry and carry it successfully over the elections. There is talk of a coalition, with Mr. Wise as Premier; but that proposal has not so far very wide support. Whatever is the truth at the bottom of this little world of rumour, one thing is clear—the Government recognises its loss of support in the country, and is not going to lose a chance, by lack of effort, to strengthen itself.

THE PREMIER INTERVIEWED.

A CHARACTERISTIC EPISODE.

Sir John See was seen by a representative of the "Herald" after the Cabinet meeting yesterday. He was not asked anything about the statement which had been published in the "Herald" that morning regarding the reconstruction of the Ministry, but he chose that as the first topic. He said there had never been a word of disputation in the Cabinet in regard to the referendum. He continued:—"In point of fact, from the day I took office up to the present time there has never been a single dissension in the Cabinet, because my colleagues and myself recognise what our business and duty are, and we are willing to take the consequences. Will you put that in the paper? You talk about extravagance of this Government. What have we done? The extravagance has been in the past—in the days of other Governments. These modern reformers talk. What do they know about it? There is the Sydney-Kiama railway, cost two and a half millions, and leaves a loss of £40,000 a year. Then this wonderful Solomon who has come to judgment—this 'Willoughby' Wade do they call him? He represents Hornsby to Milson's Point line. It cost £700,000, and leaves an annual loss of £13,330."

"But Mr. Wade was surely not responsible for that?"

Sir John See: "It does not matter; he represents the district that has had all the benefit, and yet this man, who was a Government employee up to a few days of his election, comes along as a public purist. Anyhow," said Sir John, "these people are like Mr. Garland. While they get all they can from this or any other Government they come and talk about labour and 'deform'—I call it—principles. If they could have got the North Shore bridge, Mr. Wade would have voted for it, though it would cost a million. What does he care so long as he can get all he can for his constituents? Yet he turns round and blames the Government for extravagant expenditure. I have asked over and over again, and now ask you, to point out one of our works, even including the railway station, that has been extravagant. But no; the statements are all made, and then there is an aggregation of all these things. This thing is all political, and it leaves its sting behind."

SENSATIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE.

VEHICLE CAPSIZED.

IN A FLOODED CREEK.

OCCUPANTS NARROWLY ESCAPE.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The mail coach which left Wilcannia at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, due at Broken Hill yesterday evening at 2.30, only arrived at 7.30 this evening, after a very sensational experience. The coach, with five horses besides the driver and the escort, fortunately only carried one male passenger, and had no occupants inside. Heavy rains preceded the departure from Wilcannia, followed by general drizzling. The roads were in a terrible state, and the boggy nature of the country delayed the progress of the vehicle. However, everything went safely until arriving at Acacia Creek, 42 miles or so from Broken Hill. The stream, although running fiercely, was apparently only 3ft or 4ft deep, and Mr. Archie Falkner, the driver, decided to attempt to cross and rushed the horses. He apparently struck a deep hole, as the coach never touched bottom, and was capsized almost immediately. The men were swept away with the current, but after some difficulty found a lodgment. Meantime the horses were one struggling, kicking mass, and the two leaders were quickly drowned. After desperate attempts, in which the harness and other gear had to be cut away, the other three horses were released in a semi-drowned state.

It took about three hours' hard work to rescue the mails, comprising three bags. Most of the parcels were saved but some private luggage was lost. The coach is still in the creek.

A buggy and fresh horses were obtained from Topar station, and the mails and parcels were brought into Broken Hill this evening.

TO-DAY.

Brighton Races: Special Train 2 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Monsieur Beaucaire," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Beauty and the Beast," 7.45 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Great World of London," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: "Mama's New Husband," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Why Woman Sins," 7.50 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Queen's Hall: Mr. Mel. R. Spurr, 8.10 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg."
Shooting the Chutes: Manly, 2.30 to 11 p.m.
Bushranging Drama: Redfern Railway Station, 8 p.m.

A special article, with illustrations, on Imported Shropshire Sheep, appears in the "Mail."—Advt.

THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM CHOSEN.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Australian Eleven to meet England in the second test match was chosen to-day, and is as follows:—

M. A. NOBLE (N.S.W.)
V. TRUMPER (N.S.W.)
J. J. KELLY (N.S.W.)
R. A. DUFF (N.S.W.)
A. J. HOPKINS (N.S.W.)
W. P. HOWELL (N.S.W.)
S. E. GREGORY (N.S.W.)
C. HILL (S.A.)
H. TRUMBLE (Victoria)
W. W. ARMSTRONG (Victoria)
J. V. SAUNDERS (Victoria)
A. R. GEHRS (S.A.), 12th man.

The umpires are Messrs. Crockett (Victoria) and Argall (S.A.).

The information contained in the above selection, that the only alteration in the team to represent Australia against England in the second test match is the substitution of Trumble for Laver, is only what was anticipated since it became known definitely that Trumble had made such arrangements as would admit of his taking part in the contest. The bowling of M'Leod raised the thought that possibly the selectors might include him in place of Saunders, while there were many who thought Hopkins should retire in favour of perhaps Gehrs or Jennings. There is no doubt about Saunders being a great bowler when it is his day out. He sent down a lot of deliveries which lacked length in the opening test match, but it should also be remembered that he had chances missed off him. Besides where the weather is inclined to be changeable, and it is during the present summer, it is a good thing to have a left-hand bowler on the side. It is many years since England placed a team in the field without one; in fact there are generally two chosen.

The substitution of Trumble for Laver has undoubtedly strengthened the Australian Eleven. In two successive innings Trumble, who has kept up his practice at the nets all through the season, obtained 90 odd and 80; it is reasonable to expect him to be in good batting form, so that the run-getting powers of the team are greatly improved. With regard to the bowling, he showed himself to be in the last Australian Eleven in England one of the front rank of all Australian bowlers, and at the time one of the best in England. It should not take a bowler of his style long to get into form. Though Hopkins has not run into big figures he is in fine form, and that is an important point. Besides, he is one of the leading fieldsmen in the team, and at times gets wickets.

It will be noted that Gehrs' recent great innings against New South Wales at Adelaide has got him the position of reserve man in place of Jennings.

The Englishmen, in arranging their programme, dwelt strongly on the necessity for a rest for three or four days before a test match. With the exception of the fifth they were successful in their arrangements. The Australians have not been so fortunate. They will, like the Englishmen, have to play and travel for a week before the fifth test, but they will also be playing right up to the start of the second match to-morrow. This is a bad arrangement. It places the Australians at a disadvantage. English people might point out that in England six days of every week are occupied over cricket throughout the season, but there is a vast difference between the conditions of cricket in the two countries. An Australian bowler will say that, while he could bowl all day in England and not feel tired, he would like a rest after half an hour in Australia, and the climate takes it out of the batsmen only in a slightly lesser degree.

THE ENGLISH TEAM.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The final selection of the English team for the second test match will not be made until Friday morning, and will depend largely on the weather conditions, and on the physical fitness of E. Arnold, who bowled so well in Sydney and strained himself during the match there. The injury is not showing signs of mending. Mr. Warner arranged that Arnold should consult Sir Thomas Fitzgerald to-day, when it was ascertained that the trouble lay in the principal muscle behind the knee. While bowling Arnold wrenched this muscle, which became torn at the heads just above and behind the knee, and caused the flesh to become swollen. Sir Thomas Fitzgerald bandaged the leg, and advised Arnold to have a few days' rest, adding that if he were careful he may be able to play on Friday. Mr. Warner is hopeful that Arnold's services will be available for the test match, but if disappointed he will probably fall back on Fielder.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

The railway arrangements for New Year's Day give the public ample facilities for making a short stay in the tourist districts. The Commissioners have arranged for cheap excursion trains to leave Sydney to-day and on Friday for the convenience of those having this object in view, and no doubt many will avail themselves of the chance of a little respite from the heat of the city. Special trains at the cheap fares of 2d per mile first class, and 1d per mile second class, will be run as under:—

For the Northern Line.—On Thursday: 3.45 and 8.10 p.m., to Newcastle. On Friday (New Year's Day): 7.32 a.m., to Gosford; 8.5 a.m., to Newcastle.

For the Western Line.—On Thursday: 3.55 p.m., to Bathurst; 5.27 p.m., to Mount Victoria. On New Year's Day: 7.50 a.m. and 8.10 a.m., to Mount Victoria; 8.20 a.m., to Eskbank.

For the Illawarra Line.—On Thursday: 5.55 p.m. and 8 p.m., to Nowra. On New Year's Day: 7.30 a.m., to Nowra; 7.38 a.m., to Wollongong.

For the Southern Line.—On Thursday: 5.15 p.m., to Goulburn. New Year's Day: 8 a.m., to Goulburn.

It has also been arranged for similar cheap trains to leave short-distance country stations on New Year's Day (January 1) as follows:—From Nowra at 4.35 a.m., Goulburn at 5 a.m., West Maitland at 5 a.m., and from Mount Victoria at 6.15 a.m.

These tickets will be available for return within one calendar month from date of issue, except by the Melbourne express and the mail trains leaving Sydney on Sunday nights.

As is customary, the Commissioners announce a suitable service for passengers desirous of returning to Sydney in time for business on the Saturday morning, trains being timed to leave Nowra at 4.35 a.m., due Sydney at 8.46 a.m.; Goulburn at 5 a.m., due Sydney at 9.40 a.m.; Mount Victoria at 6.15 a.m., due Sydney at 8.55 a.m.; and from Gosford at 6.30 a.m., due Sydney at 8.40 a.m.; whilst on Monday, January 4, the usual early trains will also be run, to suit excursionists who may remain in the tourist districts over the Sunday.

Special services will be given to Como, National Park, and Hawkesbury to suit requirements.

For the convenience of persons returning home after the late church services on New Year's Eve, special suburban trains will leave Sydney on New Year's morning at 1.5 a.m. for Parramatta, 12.10 and 1.10 a.m. for Hurstville, and from Milson's Point at 12.55 a.m. for Hornsby.

As on Boxing Day, several of the workmen's trains will be cancelled, but a quarter-hourly service will be maintained between Homebush and Sydney up to 11 a.m. Additional trains will be run from Sydney in the evening where necessary.

The goods sheds and the central booking office will be closed.

On New Year's Day excursion trains to the Hawkesbury River are announced to leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m. and 9.18 a.m., and from Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. A combined rail and steamer excursion is also announced for Parkesvale to-morrow, and cheap tickets will be issued by all trains leaving Sydney for Como up to 11.30 a.m., but the steamer will only leave Como railway station for Parkesvale at 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

DEAF AND DUMB CONGRESS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The congress of deaf and dumb delegates was continued yesterday, when several papers were read and discussed. On the previous day Mr. A. Witchell, of Western Australia, interpreted a paper on the "School Life of the Deaf;" and Mr. F. J. Rose, of Victoria, contributed a paper on "The Law and the Deaf." These were supplemented yesterday, when the following papers were contributed:—"Social Status of the Deaf," by Mr. V. Fisher, of New South Wales; "The Family Life of the Deaf," by Mr. S. W. Showell, of Queensland; "The Capabilities of the Deaf," by Mr. E. A. Sturcke, of South Australia; "The Past, Present, and Future of the Deaf," by Mr. M. Miller, of Victoria; "Adult Deaf and Dumb Missions," by Mr. E. J. D. Abrahams; and "A Summary of Expert Opinions in the Education of the Dumb," written by Mr. W. S. Watson, of Sydney. Subsequently a series of resolutions were carried—(1) Advocating free and compulsory education of deaf mutes; (2) condemning the use of the term "asylum," as applied to educational establishments, as conveying a wrong impression in regard to the mental condition of the pupils; (3) strongly urging the establishment of homes and farms for aged, infirm, and mentally deaf mutes, as in South Australia; (4) joining in a protest against the use of the purely oral system in the instruction of the deaf.

At the invitation of the Huddart, Parker Proprietary Company, some 80 delegates to the Deaf and Dumb Congress took a trip to Sorrento to-day by the steamer Hygeia.

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THE WAR CLOUD.

IN THE FAR EAST.

RUSSIA STEADFAST.

WILL READILY ACCEPT WAR.

ANOTHER SQUADRON DESPATCHED.

JAPAN'S EMERGENCY ORDINANCES.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "New York Herald" says that Russia's reply to Japan's Note will be given inside of ten days.

There is a general impression, the correspondent continues, that Russia will not recede an inch from the position she has taken up, and though she will not declare war she will readily accept it.

The Japanese Legation at London denies that Japan set a limit of time within which it must receive a reply from Russia to her Note.

The Legation states that a reasonable time will be allowed to Russia.

JAPANESE PREPARATIONS COMPLETE.

FOR ANY EMERGENCY.

GOVERNMENT'S POWERS EXTENDED.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Reuter's representative at Tokio states that an emergency Ordinance of the Mikado invests the Japanese Government with unlimited credit in respect of the military and for defence purposes.

Other Ordinances, Reuter's representative at Tokio states, provide for organisation of the Imperial military headquarters in war time, and the establishment of a War Council in war time.

These Ordinances complete Japan's preparation for any emergency.

RUSSIAN NAVAL REINFORCEMENTS.

SPEED TO THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The Russian squadron at Bizerta has been reinforced by four additional torpedo boat destroyers, and has been ordered to proceed to the Far East with the utmost rapidity.

[The Russian Squadron at Bizerta now consists of the first-class battleship Oslabya, the second-class cruisers Aurora and Dmitri Domskov, and nine torpedo-boat destroyers. Vice-Admiral Wirenius is in command.]

RUSSIAN DOCKS IN THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The "Cologne Gazette" affirms that Russia possesses four docks at Vladivostock and Port Arthur, and that they are amply sufficient to repair the largest vessels.

[A month ago the Port Arthur correspondent of a Japanese newspaper stated that Admiral Alexeieff, the Russian Viceroy in the Far East, had informed his staff that war was not advisable at present owing to Russia having insufficient dock accommodation. That report has now been contradicted.]

WAVE OF PESSIMISM IN BERLIN.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

A sudden wave of pessimism has overtaken Berlin with regard to the situation in the Far East.

RUSSIA AND KOREA.

CONSIDERATIONS THAT WEIGH IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The correspondents of the "Times" at New York and Tokio respectively show that the controlling party in Russia argues that Korea is necessary to the consolidation of the interests of Russia.

M. Pavloff, the Russian Minister to Korea, has for months past, according to the correspondent of the "Times," been audaciously endeavouring to strengthen Russia's grasp of Korea.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE IN MONGOLIA.

A FORT AT URGA.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The action of Russia in erecting forts at Urga, a town of Mongolia, on the River Tola, has seriously impressed the Chinese.

The steady advance of Russia in Mongolia and her occupation of Manchuria have prejudiced China against all railway undertakings.

The new railway regulations issued by the Chinese authorities threaten to hamper foreign enterprise.

[Urga is the religious and administrative centre of North and East Mongolia. There resides the Bogdo, the pontiff of the Lamaistic Church of North Mongolia. He is popularly venerated as the third in importance of the great avatars or living gods coming after the Dalai Lama of Lhassa and the Pantshen Lama of Tashilunpo.]

BRITISH NAVAL COMMANDER.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Admiral Sir Gerard Henry Uctred Noel, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., will shortly succeed Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge as Commander-in-Chief of the British Fleet on the China station.

Sir G. H. U. Noel when a lieutenant commanded the naval guard to Sir Garnet Wolseley at Cape Coast Castle, 1873, and for his services was promoted. He was director of Naval Intelligence from September, 1893, to October of the same year, and the next month was a Junior Lord of the Admiralty, retaining that office till 1898. He was then appointed rear-admiral of the Mediterranean fleet, and as second in command he represented Great Britain at the Council of Admirals during the pacification of Crete in the same year. Last year he was appointed to the command of the Home fleet. Sir Cyprian Bridge's term as commander-in-chief on the China station is not complete till April next, so that the early appointment of his successor may mean a strengthening for some months of the flag officers in China.

BRITISH RELIEF CREWS.

IN AN ARMOURED CRUISER.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The British first-class cruiser King Alfred, armoured, 14,100 tons, will sail directly from Portsmouth with relief crews for ships on the China station.

PREPARATIONS BY GREAT BRITAIN.

REPLACING RESERVES.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Officials of Portsmouth Dockyard have been inquiring in respect of the number of ex-service men employed there.

The action is interpreted to mean that ex-service men will replace the reserves if the latter are summoned for active service.

ILLEGAL FISHING.

JAPANESE SENTENCED BY RUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The captains of several Japanese schooners, arrested in August last, off the coast of Kamtschatska, by Russian authorities, for illegal fishing, have been sentenced at Vladivostock to 50 days imprisonment.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE RAND LABOUR PROBLEM.

COUNCIL CONTINUES DISCUSSION.

AUSTRALIAN MINING.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The discussion in the Legislative Council of the Transvaal of the proposal of Sir George Farrar to make an experimental importation of Chinese labourers for the Rand gold mines was continued yesterday.

Reuter's correspondent states that the Attorney-General, Sir Richard Solomon, supported Sir George Farrar. He said he was convinced that South Africa would be unable to supply sufficient native labour for the mines.

Sir Richard Solomon commented upon the untrustworthy nature of the expert evidence given before the Labour Commission regarding Australian mining since it had been proved that the expert had never been in Australia.

THE WAR CONTRIBUTION.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The "Standard" states that a loan to provide the first contribution of £10,000,000 of the Transvaal's total contribution of £30,000,000 towards the expenses of the late war will be issued early in February. The rate of interest will be 4 per cent., and the loan will be issued at par.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.

NO FURTHER TRADE HINDRANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The expedition in the Ekat district, Southern Nigeria, in the course of successful operations extending over two months, destroyed 15 villages in the Oron country, killing many of the natives and losing only one man.

It is not likely that the natives will again hinder trade.

THE ADVANCE OF RUSSIA.

HUGE RAILWAY SCHEME.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Russia is projecting a railway from Samarkand, a city of Western Turkestan, standing in the Valley of Zerafshau, to Turmys, near the border of Afghanistan.

THE HORRORS OF SIBERIA.

THE RACK AND OTHER TORTURES.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Colonel Foss, Governor of the prison at Nikolaieff, Siberia, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment for having committed forgery, and also for having been guilty of inhuman cruelty to prisoners, to whom he applied the rack and other means of torture.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

ARTICLE BY DR. NORDENSKJOLD.

LARGE FOSSIL REMAINS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Dr. Otto Nordenskjold, who recently returned with the Swedish expedition in the Antarctic regions, has written a long article for the "Times," describing the operations of the expedition.

Dr. Nordenskjold states that he found on Seymour Island and elsewhere traces of large fossil animals and rich fossil flora.

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Reuter's correspondent at Buenos Ayres in an account of the Nordenskjold expedition, which was recently rescued, says: From the very outset of the voyage the Antarctic met with countless difficulties owing to the state of the ice. Dr. Nordenskjold, Lieutenant Anderson, and two sailors were left at Mount Bransfield, which, it was arranged, was to be the rendezvous for the whole expedition. The little band suffered great privations, and had to live on seal-meat and penguins. The Antarctic meanwhile made her way to the coast of Joinville Island, and entered Erebus and Terror Bay. There she was caught and imprisoned in the ice, which finally crushed and sunk her. Captain Larsen succeeded in saving all on board, and the whole party took to three of the ship's boats, which they equipped with a quantity of provisions they had rescued. They drifted about in their open boats for 16 days, and after encountering a thousand perils finally reached Paulette Island, where they established their winter quarters. Their main food throughout the winter was penguin and seal. Captain Larsen, with five men, set out north for Mount Bransfield. Finding no one there they continued their journey to Snow Hill, where they discovered Dr. Nordenskjold and his three comrades. In the meantime Dr. Nordenskjold and his companions had made a journey of over 400 miles, in the course of which they found new bays and islands, and made other discoveries involving important changes in the existing maps of the region. The furthest south reached was 66 degrees. The Argentine warship Uruguay found two of the missing Swedish explorers on Seymour Island. They had given up all hope of rescue this year, and were laying up stores of penguin and seal. From these it was learned where the rest of the expedition were, and the rescue was effected.

AUSTRALIA'S INDEBTEDNESS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The "Daily Chronicle," in commenting upon the article of Mr. R. L. Nash, of Sydney, upholding the credit of Australia, considers that the interest and the Government debt are abundantly secured. The indebtedness of Australasia, the "Daily Chronicle" says, is not too grievous to be borne. Suspension of borrowing is desirable, and adequate sinking funds ought to accompany internal retrenchment.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BILLS.

MIDLAND RAILWAY MEASURE ABANDONED.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Mr. A. J. Barber, the secretary of the Midland Railway of Western Australia, announces that the Western Australian Government has abandoned its Railway Traffic Bill. He attributes this step largely to the action and the influence of the London press, and hints that the Governor of the State (Sir F. Bedford) is considering communications from the Colonial Office before assenting to the Mining Bill.

ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The Right Rev. Francis Bourne, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, was enthroned in Westminster Cathedral yesterday.

THE REV. J. A. DOWIE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The Rev. J. A. Dowie has taken farewell of his adherents in Chicago. He will sail from San Francisco for Australia on January 21, and will return to Chicago in June.

Dr. Dowie denied that his wife, when she left America for Europe, took 7,000,000 dollars with h

THE FISCAL POLICY.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The following additional appointments to the commission of the Tariff Reform League have been notified:—Sir Robert Herbert, chairman of the Board of Customs; Sir George Ryder, late chairman of the Board of Customs; Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, formerly Governor of the Straits Settlements; Sir John Cockburn, formerly Agent-General for South Australia; Mr. Frederick Baynes, of Manchester, cotton manufacturer; Mr. Henry Bostock, of Edwin Bostock and Co., boot manufacturers, of Stafford; Mr. Charles Eckersley, director of the Fine Cotton Spinners and Doublers' Association; Mr. Francis Elgar, managing director of the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company; Mr. Lewis Evans, vice-president of the Papermakers' Association; Mr. Thomas Gallaher, tobacco manufacturer, of Belfast; Mr. Alfred Gilbey, director of W. and A. Gilbey, Limited, wine merchants; Mr. W. Harrison, president of the Agricultural Engineers' Association; Mr. John Johnstone Jardine Keswick, chairman of the Rio Tinto Copper-mining Company; Mr. Charles Lyle, chairman of Abram Lyle and Sons, sugar refiners; Mr. Henry D. Marshall, of the Britannia Ironworks, Gainsborough; Mr. Joseph Rank, of the Clarence Flour Mills, Hull; Mr. W. Bridges Webb, chairman of the Baltic Mercantile and Shipping Exchange.

SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION.

NO ARRANGEMENT OF PREFERENCE.

DUTY OF COLONIAL MEMBERS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Members of the Tariff Commission state that it is not within its scope to define the nature of the arrangements in regard to colonial trade or to make representations respecting the preference which the colonies should be asked to give.

Such matters, members state, should be settled by negotiation.

Colonial members of the commission will hold watching briefs only.

THE BALKANS.

COMMANDER OF GENDARMERIE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The Porte has consented to the appointment of an Italian army officer to command the gendarmerie in Macedonia.

PARIS VICTUALLERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The strike of provision trades of Paris has been temporarily suspended in order to secure the release of strikers who were arrested.

SUBMARINES' CONSTRUCTION.

INCREASED VOTE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Admiralty intends to ask Parliament to make for a Supply vote for a larger number of submarines than has been the case in any previous year.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Two natives from the Congo, in Africa, who are suffering from the sleeping sickness, have arrived at Liverpool. They are to receive treatment in the School of Tropical Medicine.

QUEENSLAND.

INDIGENT ALLOWANCES.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The amount spent during December on indigents' allowances was £1706, an increase of £36 as compared with last month. During December 641 families, including 1580 children, have been receiving rations in Brisbane. Amongst the number are 109 able-bodied men and 901 adults. Altogether during December of last year, relief was given in Brisbane to 419 families, including 1556 children.

CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER.

The term of three years for which Mr. George Nutt, chief mechanical engineer of the Railway Department, was engaged will expire at the end of next March. It is understood that the need for economy will prevent the Government renewing the agreement. The appointment of a successor has not yet been decided.

A STABBING AFFRAY.

The Commissioner of Police has received a report concerning a case at Warwick, where Thos. Johnston is alleged to have been stabbed by Thos. Smith during a disturbance which took place on Sunday morning outside the Imperial Hotel, Palmer-street. The two men were fighting, and in the struggle Johnston was stabbed in one side of the face and the back. One wound was stopped by the weapon coming into contact with a rib, but the other went through the left lung. Johnston was taken to the hospital, where he is progressing favourably. Smith, alias Starky, was brought before the Court and remanded.

LAYING A CYCLE TRACK.

At a conference between the trustees of the Brisbane Cricket Ground and representatives of cycling clubs and the cycling trade, Brisbane, it has been decided to put down an up-to-date track capable of carrying a speed of 60 miles per hour. The cost will be about £600.

CUSTOMS COURT OF INQUIRY.

The Collector of Customs held a court of inquiry to-day into four Customs cases in which no fraud was alleged. In no case did the respondent appear, but in each case a mutual statement, signed by both parties, together with the various documents concerned in the case, were read.

The Premier this morning said he thought the State would be able to keep up a regular supply of produce to encourage the Aberdeen line of steamers to continue calling at Brisbane, but much depended on the seasons. In any case the fact that there were regular sailings would tend to increase the trade and bring forward produce that would not otherwise be sent out. Within the next couple of months, the information available showed that there would be a large increase in the export of butter. The offer of the Government to forego the harbour dues to companies adopting a regular time-table with the cold storage has led to an effort to induce another company, whose boats now call here, to leave at regular intervals. There are hopes that this will prove successful.

There is an impression that the reorganisation of the Public Service will be completed by the end of the year, but the Premier stated to-day that the work would occupy some time, so that no announcement could be made at present.

BATHURST MUSICAL AND LITERARY COMPETITION.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The musical and literary competition was continued to-day. Results were:—

Vocal duet, gentlemen: T. Cashman and H. L. Cousins (Bathurst), 90 marks, 1; H. Sherlock and W. H. Colyer (Sydney), 76, 2.

Mixed quartette: Cinderella Quartette Party (Tasmania), Mrs F. Macdonald (soprano), Mr. Henry (tenor), Miss Benson (contralto), Mr. H. D. Thomas (bass), 96 marks, 1; Austral Quartette Party (Bathurst), Miss G. M. Seage (soprano), Mr. T. Cashman (tenor), Mrs. M. G. Martin (contralto), Mr. H. L. Cousins (bass), 80, 2.

Second choral contest: There were three choirs entered, the Wollongong, Sydney Tramway, and Dubbo. The first prize was awarded to Wollongong, 147 marks; second, Sydney Tramway, 134; and third, Dubbo, 113.

SECOND EDITION

THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN RETURNS.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Latest returns of the polling at the Federal elections are:—

THE SENATE (Complete).

*H. DE LARGIE (L)	20169
G. HENDERSON (L)	17903
J. M. CROFT (L)	17056
*H. W. SAUNDERS (O)	9509
M. F. CAVANAGH (M)	9422
W. MARTIN (O)	6913
H. J. PRESTON (O)	5963
S. M. MOORE (M)	5390

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

KALGOORLIE (Complete).

C. E. FRAZER (L)	5520
*J. KIRWAN (O)	2913

NEW ZEALAND.

THE COLONY'S WEALTH IN COAL.

AN OPTIMISTIC OPINION.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Mr. Luke Williams, president of the Zeehan School of Mines (Tasmania), who has been examining some coalfields in New Zealand, says he is impressed most forcibly by the enormous wealth which the colony possesses in its coal supply. In his opinion it is only a question of time when the whole naval supplies of the east will be met by the New Zealand coalfields.

THE TRAMWAY FATALITY.

PANIC-STRICKEN PASSENGERS.

CONFUSE THE DRIVER.

At the inquest on the victims of the tram accident in the Kingsland section on Christmas Eve, the motorman of the car which caused the disaster said that on the day the collision occurred he complained to the motor inspector that the brakes were working stiffly. The inspector examined the car and said everything was all right. When the car began to run backwards the passengers began to rush and scramble around him, and in the excitement he did not apply the track or emergency breaks. The Government has instructed the inspecting engineer of the Public Works Department to attend the inquest.

ALPINE TOURISTS.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

In the course of an interview, Mr. Sproule, passenger agent for the Oceanic Steamship Company, who recently travelled through the colony with Mr. Grady, the company's traffic manager, said the company would certainly make some effort to turn the tide of Alpine enthusiasts in America and England from the European Alps to Mount Cook.

DEATH OF A RAILWAY GUARD.

SUFFOCATED BY NITRIC ACID FUMES.

PENRITH, Wednesday.

John Lennox, one of the oldest guards on the railway, died at the Penrith Hospital at about half-past 5 o'clock this morning. He was guard of the goods train going west. The train had a push-up engine behind it. About 2.30 this morning, near Woodford station, 51 miles from Sydney, the driver of the rear engine noticed that the brakes had been applied and smoke was issuing from the brake-van. The rear driver then whistled to the front driver, and the train was brought to a standstill. Lennox, who appeared to be thoroughly exhausted, was trying to get out. It was found that a vessel containing nitric acid had burst, and the fumes had overpowered him. He was at once brought on to the Penrith Hospital. Dr. Higgins and Dr. MacMaster were in attendance. Lennox died five minutes after being admitted. He leaves a widow and a large family.

THE INQUEST.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

The inquest on the body of John Lennox was held here to-day. Mr. Platt, solicitor, appeared for the Railway Commissioners, with Mr. Culnane, traffic inspector; and Mr. T. K. Waldron appeared for the relations of the deceased. From the evidence so far it appears that a case of nitric acid was placed in the brake van near the door. When near Woodford station the fireman of the push-up engine noticed a blaze come out of the brake-van. He called the attention of the driver, who signalled to the front engine, and the train was brought to a standstill. With difficulty the door of the brakevan was opened, and Lennox was found almost lying down, with the hand lamp alight in his hand. The fumes from the van were very strong, and the case was on fire. Lennox was got out and placed on some sleepers, and the burning mass was put out. He was conveyed on an engine to Lawson, and came on to Penrith by the mail train. Drs. Higgins and M'Masters performed the operation of tracheotomy, but unavailingly, and the guard died from suffocation.

During the tea adjournment an experiment was made by pouring the contents of one of the bottles of nitric acid into a case containing some dust. The fumes were very powerful, and the change in colour was rapid. In about five minutes flames burst out, and the case was consumed, but there was no explosion.

The taking of evidence was concluded at 10.30 p.m. The coroner reviewed the evidence at length, and the jury brought in a verdict that deceased died from asphyxia, caused by the inhaling of fumes of nitric acid through a leakage or breakage of a bottle in a case being conveyed in No. 47 down train from Penrith to Wallerawang, but how the leakage or breakage occurred no evidence was forthcoming to show. The jury added that they would like to impress on the railway authorities and the makers the necessity of using every precaution in transit with acids of this nature. The coroner complimented the Railway Department for their willingness and anxiety to have all matters cleared up. Mr. Platt, Mr. Waldron, and the coroner also expressed deepest sympathy with the deceased's relatives.

THE WEATHER.

MORE RAIN PREDICTED

The weather chart issued by the Observatory authorities yesterday shows that during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. the tropical rains extended over a very large area of country, and travelled diagonally across the State from Tibooburra in the extreme north-western corner to Gabo in the extreme south-east. In the far west the quantities measured were, compared with the registrations of the past few days, very small. The heaviest downpour was at Wilcannia, where scarcely half an inch fell. White Cliffs received an additional quarter of an inch; 23 points fell at Ivanhoe, and 20 points at Mount Hope. Over the south-eastern districts the showers were mostly light in character. Falls of half an inch and upwards were, however, registered at Bungendore, Queanbeyan, Michelago, Bega, and Candelo. The complete record will be found under the meteorological reports.

Unsettled weather conditions continued to prevail along the southern part of the seaboard throughout yesterday, and rain was falling at Eden late last night. Smooth to moderate seas were running, and light southerly winds were blowing.

At many places in the interior high temperatures were again experienced yesterday, among the maximum readings of the thermometer furnished to the Observatory last night being:—Bourke, 94; Forbes, 92; Wagga, 95; and Walgett, 97.

The forecast for to-day is—"Unsettled generally; scattered thunderstorms, southerly winds, squally on parts of the coast."

RAINS IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The following were the principal falls for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:—

North: Camooweal 81 points, Cape York 70, Cardwell 200, Cloncurry 243, Chillagoe 130, Croydon 264, Cumberland 80, Floraville 25, Georgetown 70, Gilbert River 81, Donaldson 163, Donor's Hill 25, Fairview 137, Geraldton 222, Halifax 40, Ingham 55, Junction Creek 101, Karumba 37, Kwandra 11, Lucinda 33, Mackinlay 144, Maytown 45, M'Donnell (four days) 184, Mein (four days) 320, Mount Garnet 24, Mareba 100, Port Douglas 44, Palmerville 15, Richmond 14, Tate River 34, Thursday Island 100, Walsh River 60, West Leichhardt 310, Wyandotte 17.

Central: Boulia 44 points, Kynuna 19, Wrandangie 30, Winton 9.

THE THOMPSON RISING.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Thompson River started rising fast at Longreach this afternoon. It is now near the decking of the bridge. The Thompson at Arrilish is a mile wide, and still rising. A big flood is expected when the flood waters from Longreach reach there.

CANDELO.—Sixty-five points of rain were registered up to yesterday morning, and it was raining all day, with every appearance of continuing.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.—Dec. 31.

Coomonderry, s, 147 tons, Captain S. Canty, from Shoalhaven. J. Aubin and Son, agents.

The Situation in the Far East receives pictorial attention in the "Sydney Mail" of this week.—Advt.

The "Mail" has an account, with illustrations, of the latest curiosity, "A house that turns with the Sun."—Advt.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

LATEST SENATE RETURNS.

Further figures showing the votes received by the various candidates for the Commonwealth Senate were received yesterday, and though it cannot be said they are the finals, they are so close to the very last that it is exceedingly unlikely that the relative positions of any of the candidates can be altered. They came from the Richmond and Darling electorates, and show that Senator Gray topped the poll there, Senator Neild coming second, Mr. A. H. Griffith third, and Senator Pulsford fourth. The polling of these four candidates was pretty close. The aggregate figures are as follow:—

JOHN CASH NEILD	191,691
EDWARD PULSFORD	139,407
JOHN P. GRAY	136,888
ARTHUR H. GRIFFITH	107,115
JOHN T. CUNNEEN	71,622
NATHANIEL T. COLLINS	71,149
JAMES O. MORONEY	25,774
ANDREW THOMSON	25,157
HENRY FLETCHER	23,434
MARY A. M. BENTLEY	18,761
NELLIE A. MARTEL	18,655
FRANCIS H. DRAKE	17,626
Informal	12,568

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Final returns for two of the divisions for the House of Representatives were also received yesterday—the Darling and the Richmond. They were as follow:—

RICHMOND.—T. T. Ewing, 6096; R. Atkinson, 2296. Informal, 214.

DARLING.—W. G. Spence, 3150; D. B. Acton, 2263. Informal, 171.

CANDIDATES WHO LOSE THEIR DEPOSITS.

The Commonwealth Electoral Act provides that all candidates, whether for the Senate or House of Representatives, must deposit £25 with the returning officer at the time of making their nominations, and that in any case where less than one-fifth of the lowest successful candidate is polled the deposit is to be forfeited. In this State there have been 13 forfeitures, as follow:—

Senate Candidates.—Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Martel, and Messrs. Drake, Moroney, Thomson, and Fletcher.

House of Representatives.—Dalley, Mr. W. Moffitt Burns; Hunter, Mr. Arthur Rae; East Sydney, Mr. F. R. Peel; Laing, Mr. T. E. Roseby; and Parkes, Mr. Varney Parkes, Mr. H. Slatyer, and Mr. E. A. Beeby.

TASMANIA.

THE SENATE.

RETURNS COMPLETED.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The result of the polling for the choice of three representatives from the State to the Senate was declared to-day. It was in favour of Messrs. H. Dobson, J. Macfarlane, and E. Mulcahy. The complete returns give the following figures:—

*H. DOBSON (RT)	17,979
*J. MACFARLANE (O)	15,796
E. MULCAHY (M)	12,762
*Lieut.-Col. C. ST. C. CAMERON (M)	12,094
J. M. M'MASTER (L)	11,333
C. METZ (L)	9,776
J. J. MAHONEY (L)	8,728
B. S. BIRD (RT)	7,331
J. B. WALDRON (O)	6,770
E. T. MILES (O)	4,062

VICTORIAN SENATE CANDIDATES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

None of the unsuccessful Victorian candidates for a seat in the Senate forfeited their election deposit of £25, and the returning officer announced to-day that they were entitled to a refund.

VICTORIA.

ACCIDENT TO THE KUMANO MARU.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Just after the Japanese mail steamer Kumano Maru cleared the river this afternoon on her way to Sydney an accident occurred to one of her cylinders, which will detain her here until repairs can be effected.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION OF WHEAT.

A question has been put to the Department of Agriculture by the Melbourne representative of an English firm of wheat buyers as to whether the department would undertake to inspect wheat loaded for the United Kingdom and issue certificates of approval when it was up to the required standard. The matter is under consideration.

THE COOGEE-FORTUNATO FIGARI COLLISION.

REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE BOARD.

INVESTIGATION TO BE HELD.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Marine Board, at a meeting this afternoon, received reports from Mr. Ernest A. Browne, chief officer of the steamer Coogee, and from Captain Schiaffino, master of the Fortunato Figari, in connection with the collision, between their respective vessels on Christmas morning.

Mr. Browne's report is as follows:—"I beg to report that the steamer Coogee collided with a sailing vessel during a fog between 3.30 and 4 a.m. on December 25, when on a voyage between Launceston and Melbourne. The master and the helmsman were killed by falling wreckage, and the second mate was seriously injured. The name of the sailing vessel was found to be the Fortunato Figari, and as we were both badly damaged, all our boats being destroyed, it was agreed that we should keep together until assistance came. We finally arrived off Port Phillip on December 26, and took a pilot, the Coogee arriving at Queen's Wharf shortly before 5 p.m. on that day."

Captain Schiaffino submitted the following report:—"It is my painful duty to inform you that on the morning of December 25, 1903, at the hour of 3.45 a.m., in latitude about 39.26.02 S., and longitude about 145.44 E., in very foggy weather, my ship, the Fortunato Figari, bound from Melbourne to Newcastle, was struck on the port bow by the steamer Coogee, the steamer at the time going at full speed. No whistle was heard, and the only indication of her approach was the rush of water which was heard immediately before the collision."

A brief discussion followed the reading of the reports.

Captain Garside, with an expression of regret at the disaster and the fate that had overtaken Captain Carrington, moved,—"That the matter be referred to the Court of Marine Inquiry for investigation." He considered a preliminary inquiry by the board unnecessary.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Belfrage, a member of the board, said the investigation could not be proceeded with for several weeks, as one of the chief witnesses was now lying in the hospital, and his restoration to health was likely to be slow.

CAPTAIN CARRINGTON'S FAMILY.

FUND FOR THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN.

At a meeting of the committee of the Victoria Shipwreck Relief Society this afternoon the chairman, Mr. Mountain, announced that an application for relief had been received on behalf of the widow and children of Captain Carrington, who, it was believed, had not been left in the best of circumstances. The committee was not fully acquainted with the particulars of the case, and as the agents of the steamer and the public were both moving in the matter of rendering assistance, and as the case was not one of immediate need, he thought the society should defer action pending developments. This suggestion was approved.

Mr. Appleton, managing director of Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited, owners of the Coogee, has written to the press as follows:—"I beg to inform you that my board have determined to subscribe £100 to the fund which we understand the very many friends of the late Captain Carrington desire should be raised for the benefit of his widow and children. I shall be pleased if you will kindly continue to accept donations, which may also be sent to the secretary of the Australasian Steamship Owners' Federation, Mr. Robert Grayson, St. James'-buildings, William-street."

THE UNCHARTED ROCK IN BASS STRAITS.

Captain Willett, of Settlement Point, Flinders Island, who was in Hobart recently, has supplied the harbourmaster there (Captain Bradley) with some useful information concerning the position of the rock or shoal struck by the steamer Wakatipu. Captain Willett states that 23 years ago he was becalmed in the ketch Julia in the vicinity of Kent Group, and drifted over the shoal about where the Wakatipu struck, making the remark at the time that it was probably where the barque Essie Black foundered with all hands. When H.M.S. Myrmidon was surveying about Flinders Island Captain Willett included this shoal in the list of uncharted dangers he gave to Lieutenant Carey. Some of them were located, but Willett is of opinion that the Myrmidon was recalled before the survey was completed.

STATE POLITICS.

THE RESULT OF THE REFERENDUM.

GOSSIP AMONG PARLIAMENTARIANS.

The State Labour party looms larger on the political horizon just now than any other. If the utterances of some of its members are to be taken into account, its sudden adoption of the will of the people as expressed in the referendum, and the complete rightabout face it is apparently prepared to make with regard to expenditure, have in a sense taken away the breath of members of other parties in the House. A knot of them were discussing the matter yesterday at Parliament House. They had—at least some of them—indulged the vain hope that the result of the referendum would have been different, that at least there would have been an almost equal vote for and against reduction; but they were surprised at the overwhelming number in favour of a reduction to 90. Some of them attributed the vote to the influence of the press, others admitted that those members who could not read the signs of the times had only failed because they had not watched them with sufficient care.

Two or three Labour members were seen, and asked whether they were prepared to say anything in reference to the utterances of their fellow members on the subject of reform. The answer was No, in every case. Was it likely that a meeting of the party would be held to consider the result of the referendum? The members had heard nothing of it; did not expect there would be. Then would they be inclined to give their personal opinions on the question of reform, as promulgated by Mr. Dacey to a "Herald" reporter on the previous day? They would not; they had not thought about it, nor would they be inclined to give their personal opinions on any subject except the press. As the personal opinion of a Labour member or any other member on that subject was of little moment as compared with the opinions of members relating to a reform in our State method of carrying on the affairs of the country, the proffer was declined. In a general conversation it was, however, implied rather than stated that in all probability no important meeting of the Parliamentary Labour party would be held for several days at least, perhaps not until after the Political Labour League conference. There might be a meeting of the party to talk about the business to come before the conference, but as for dealing with general political matters—well, the conference was summoned to do that, and to lay down the broad lines of Labour policy for the ensuing year.

Several members were in the Opposition room. They were highly elated at the success of the vote in favour of 90 members. A rumour had got abroad that the Government intended to bring in a comprehensive bill for the reform of the Upper House, and for important amendments of the Constitution Act—that, in fact, it intended to bring in a bill which would have to be reserved for the Royal assent, and the question under discussion just then was whether that was mere rumour or not. No definite conclusion could be arrived at after debate, because the Government had not yet indicated its intention with sufficient clearness.

These members were asked whether any opinion had been arrived at as to what the general lines of a bill to provide merely for a reduction of members and consequent redistribution of seats that must follow should be, and the answer was "No." The result of the referendum was not yet finally known, things had not had time to crystallise, and any talk on the subject would, therefore, be more in the nature of a conversation than anything else. Those who had thought the country people were not in favour of a reduction of the membership of the Legislative Assembly were out in their calculations—that was all that could be stated with certainty at the present moment.

Could any indication be given of the probable lines of a bill which the Opposition would support? No, not just now.

Not even whether the party thought there should be a reduction to less than 90? Not even on that, because some members would like to see a reduction to 80, others would like to see it reduced still more, and others thought a House of 90 was small enough for the time.

What was thought of Mr. Dacey's statement as published in the "Herald" that morning? Nothing was thought of it; it was Mr. Dacey's private opinion as a member of the Labour party, and if it happened to conflict with the ideas of his fellow-members when the caucus met, then he would have to subordinate his views to those of the majority. "You may, however, say this," was the remark of one member, "I do not think the referendum has been a good precedent to set. If we had passed a Reduction of Members Bill, and then submitted it to the people for their opinion, I could have understood it, but this referendum has been in the nature of asking the people to take the initiative—a thing we ought to have done in Parliament itself. As it is, the people have not had time to think out the details; they do not even know what is to be the nature of the bill which the Government is to bring in, yet we are tied down to a House of 90. Many members think the number should be less, and many others will argue that we cannot make the number less than 90 because the people have declared for that number. Take it as you please, the introduction of the referendum as an initiative of legislation has made a precedent which takes away from the responsibility of representative government, and in this case may have the effect of stopping a reduction to less than 90, even if the people wish it."

THE ILLAWARRA BY-ELECTION.

THE UNFORTUNATE REFORM SPLIT.

VIEWS OF THE SELECTED CANDIDATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

The selected reform candidate, Mr. Allen, is a young and capable man. Up to the present the scope for his energy had been limited, and it is for that reason he aims at getting into Parliament.

Mr. Lysaght, who has declined to be bound by his promise to retire in the event of non-selection, declares his reform opponent to be unknown throughout the electorate as a whole. Mr. Allen has, however, stumped the country from Stanwell Park to Nowra, out of sheer personal enterprise, with the object of encouraging a tourist traffic to the Illawarra. He has also been a municipal councillor, and has been to Sydney on numerous deputations from the South Coast to the Government departments. He is certainly unknown, in the sense that he has acheived no notoriety. In a social sense he is a man of many negatives. He does not smoke, he does not drink, and he is unmarried. While his personal qualities are entitled to consideration, his political views have also to be weighed at the present juncture. He has amply demonstrated that he is solid on reform, and, above all, what Illawarra demands is a reformer. The South Coast is heartily sick of the prodigal See-O'Sullivan Administration, and Mr. Allen, if returned to the House, would drive another nail into its coffin. He would also, as the selected candidate, enter the House on good terms with his leader. That is a point that the electors will not overlook.

It is a curious sidelight on the election that the first suggestion that the selected reform candidate should stand came from the quarrymen working on the coast near Shellharbour township. Mr. Allen addressed about 40 of the men this afternoon, and had a capital meeting. A vote of confidence was carried without dissent; but it is, nevertheless, quite certain that the vote will be split on polling day, January 9. A splendid meeting was held on the previous night at Dapto in Mr. Allen's interests.

The Labour party may take the credit or discredit of arousing the sectarianism that is now rife. Mr. M'Gowen's ill-considered reference to the "green streak" is spoken of all over the Illawarra. Mr. Allen, who is a calm, deliberate stamp of man, holds aloof from the rivalry of the orange and the green, but among knots of speakers on the streets sectarianism enters into most political conversations. Mr. Lysaght has also observed a commendable discretion. None of the candidates desires religion to be introduced, but the influence is gnawing its way into the campaign, not conspicuously, but quietly and surely. It will unquestionably affect the issue.

Mr. Lysaght, as already intimated, is assured of considerable support. His views on political problems are in accord with those of the majority of the electors. He is an enterprising, active man, and the only point on which he is at issue with many of the electors, is that he has not submitted to party discipline. He claims justification, and as he was officially nominated to-day, the electors will have to decide whether an alleged bungle in the selection has entitled Mr. Lysaght to split the reform vote. The grievance is that the politicians sent down from headquarters to ascertain local feeling, did not, it is stated, take a show of hands at every centre. Mr. Fryer's supporters were as much disappointed as were Mr. Lysaght's.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. ALLEN.

LOYALTY TO REFORM.

HIS CLAIMS TO SUPPORT.

The "Herald" representative had an interview with Mr. Allen on the current affairs at Shellharbour, overlooking the sea, this afternoon. The candidate is a well-knit, healthy-looking man, and talks well.

"If Mr. Lysaght were to resign," he said, "I would win handsomely. However, he declines to do so, and there is nothing more to be said on that point. As it is, I believe I will win, but I am not venturesome enough to name a probable majority. It seems likely to be a stiff battle, and the real Reform party which I represent will want every available vote. If the women had a vote the result would be beyond doubt. They, at all events, are loyal reformers.

The real tussle will be between Mr. Ritchie, the Labour nominee, who is also the nominal Government man, Mr. Lysaght, who claims to be a reformer, and myself. I feel convinced that the farmers are loyal. I am making nothing of the sectarian cry, nor do I intend to, being quite content to base my claim on my political principles, my personal repute, and my energy as a local man. Mr. Lysaght has been holding me up to ridicule over some grandiloquent passages in my Illawarra guide book, but the fact is I knew nothing of the compliments that the committee were lavishing on me for my efforts to boom the Illawarra as a tourist district, until I saw the references made in print. The work I did was not for profit, but out of devotion to the picturesque district in which I was born. Mr. Lysaght's attitude is, however, only one of a cluster of petty parochialisms that have been introduced into the fight.

"As to my selection, it was a legitimate affair. Personally I did not know the gentlemen who were sent down by the central body to investigate the claims of the various aspirants. Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Ashton, Senator Gould, Mr. Garland, Mr. B. B. O'Conor, and Mr. Benjamin James all visited Illawarra, and I assure you that it was on their report that I was chosen.

"As a reformer I adopt no half-measures, but fully subscribe to the Liberal and Reform policy. I oppose the secret Labour caucus and the baneful Ministerial-Labour combination. I advocate the restoration of responsible government and the placing of our finances on a sound basis. An Assembly of 90 members is in accord with my views. If there is any dilly-dallying by the Government over the reduction I will stand by Mr. Carruthers, and, if necessary, go to the country again. The fact that Illawarra's boundaries may be altered will not affect me.

"I have always been a freetrader. As to the liquor trade, I belong to the Local Option League. I am not a prohibitionist, but I would be in favour of a man sacrificing his license when detected in the sale of adulterated liquor.

"I was secretary of the Dunmore Dairy Factory for three or four years, and I am in thorough touch with the needs of the dairy farmers. I would resist any bill making it compulsory to grade butter, because the up-to-date factories grade the cream, and that is sufficient. If elected, I will strongly support a bill to authorise a company to develop certain mining property at the back of Albion Park, near Macquarie Pass. I am loyal to the backbone over the Port Kembla scheme. Further improvements, including a discharging wharf for ore, are needed at Port Kembla, and I would support any reasonable scheme or proposal submitted to the Government."

MEETING AT ALBION PARK.

SPEECHES BY MESSRS. HOGUE AND J. HURLEY, Ms.L.A.

TRICKY MOTIVES OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

In going to Albion Park, Mr. Allen was challenging a town which it is recognised has a prejudice against him, simply because he is a Shellharbour man. The rivalry of the two towns is on a minor scale as keen as that of Sydney and Melbourne, or the counties of Yorkshire and Lancashire. Mr. Fryer was the hope of Albion Park, and the selection of Mr. Allen was a surprise and a disappointment to townsmen. Hence the Albion Park voters are in a difficult position, and how they will vote is uncertain. The meeting to-night numbered about 120, and was presided over by the Mayor, Mr. Fryer, a brother of the gentleman who retired out of loyalty to the cause, despite his undoubtedly strong claims. The more local feeling is studied the clearer it is seen that the selection committee had a difficult task in deciding the claims of Messrs. Allen, Lysaght, and Fryer. It is the duty of the electors to sink personal feeling and vote for the party, which in the case of reform means also the best interests of the State.

Mr. Allen, in his speech, referred to a statement that he was ineligible to sit as a member. It was, he said, a myth. When the House met effect would have to be given to the vote of the country in favour of reduction of members.

A Voice: The Labour party will trick you.

Mr. Hurley: Hear, hear. That's the game.

Mr. Hogue said that politics were undergoing a change, and it appeared to him that there would before long be two parties—the Liberals and the Socialists. He declined to regard the solidarity section as being in a true sense representative of labour. The Labour party had performed an extraordinary tight-rope feat. It was now denouncing public borrowing, although for four years it had approved the most reckless and extravagant borrowing ever known in the history of the State. The electors would not tolerate that sort of jump-jim-crowism.

A Voice: That won't all go down.

Mr. Hogue: The days of the Government were drawing to a close, and the force to be next combated would be the socialists. He was delighted with the straightforward speech of Mr. Allen. He scarcely remembered a candidate showing such a firm grasp of public questions and giving such lucid exposition of his principles or his first candidature. He urged the electors to regard the election as though there were only two candidates, Mr. Allen and Mr. Ritchie, and in his opinion if they rightly interpreted the political signs of the period they would vote for reform in preference to socialism.

Mr. J. Hurley said there was no real Labour party. The solidarity members were the slaves, hirelings, and apologists of the Government. In raising sectarianism on Monday night at Wollongong Mr. M'Gowen was guilty of a base calumny. His reference to two streaks of green in the Ministry involved a base falsehood, the Opposition never having raised a charge of sectarianism against the Government. It was very strange that similar sectarian statements were made from two platforms in the electorate on Saturday night. As plain as two and two made four there had been an attempt to unsettle the minds of the electors. The Labour party was putting forward a new policy, and he foresaw in it an attempt to thwart the projected legislation to reduce the number of members of the House.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks.

THE NOMINATIONS.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

Nominations for the Illawarra by-election closed with the returning officer, Mr. J. A. Beatson, to-day. Those received were:—

A. A. LYSAGHT, solicitor, Wollongong.

D. RITCHIE, miners' general secretary.

E. ALLEN, storekeeper, Shellharbour.

THE CAMDEN SEAT.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

A meeting was held last night at the Camden School of Arts to present two requisitions to Alderman F. W. A. Downes, J.P., asking him to contest the Camden seat at the next State election, the Mayor of Camden, Alderman G. M. Macarthur-Onslow, J.P., presiding. Alderman S. Procter presented the requisition from Camden and district, bearing 570 signatures. A second requisition from Picton bore 106 signatures, making a total of 676. Alderman Downes read a written reply accepting nomination, but placing himself unreservedly in the hands of the People's Reform League.

DR. ROSS STEADFAST.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

Dr. Ross has been visiting the outlying portions of his electorate. He says that he will oppose any bill submitted to Parliament for the redistribution of seats or the reduction of the number of members of the Assembly.

ILLNESS ON A BARQUE.

A FATAL CASE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A rumour was abroad yesterday that a sailing vessel with infectious cases aboard had reached Port Phillip Heads. Inquiries by the health authorities led to the receipt of a telegram from the health officer at the quarantine station as follows:—"Bertha cleared. Disease not infectious. Several of the crew ill. One died two days ago, probably lead poisoning. Am sending up specimens of drinking water."

CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES.

INJURED BY A FALLING TREE.

GILGANDRA, Wednesday.

Mr. Taylor, who resides at Toorawenah, sustained serious injuries yesterday through a tree falling on him. He was engaged in grubbing out trees, when one that had been partially grubbed out fell, striking him on the head. Mr. Taylor has not yet regained consciousness.

DEATH FROM PHOSPHORUS POISONING.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

Mr. Hains, a young man, has died at the Goulburn Hospital from the effects of chronic phosphorus poisoning. When using phosphorus for poisoning rabbits he did not take sufficient precautions, and inhaled the fumes.

William M'Leod, a carter, residing at Wells-street, Redfern, was yesterday struck on the head by a brick, which fell from a building at the corner of Spring and Gresham streets, and sustained a fracture of the skull. He was conveyed to the Sydney Hospital, and admitted for treatment.

THE SHIPPING TRADE.

LUNCHEON ON THE YONGALA.

SPEECH BY THE PREMIER.

In order to afford an opportunity to inspect their new steamer the Yongala, built for the western intercoastal trade, the Adelaide Steamship Company, Limited, entertained a number of gentlemen on board the steamer yesterday. Mr. D. H. Prosser (manager of G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, Sydney agents for the company) presided. The Ministry was represented by the Premier (Sir John See) and the Attorney-General (Mr. B. R. Wise). Amongst others present were Messrs. W. H. Rothe and J. Hay (Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Limited), Captain Kershaw (s.s. Ophir), Messrs. D. Anderson and D. Reid (Orient S. N. Company), Messrs. G. A. Thompson (Messrs. T. H. Mate and Co.), W. S. C. Adena (Messrs. Ostermeyer, Dewez, and Co.), H. C. Benson (Messrs. Tyser and Co.), A. Forsyth (Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.), R. C. Reed (Gibbs, Bright, and Co.), Captain Webb and Mr. A. E. Kendall (Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited), Messrs. H. Howell (Howard Smith Co., Limited), F. W. Jackson (Union Steamship Company), W. A. Firth, F. G. Waley, A. R. Troup, F. Osborne, and D. W. Roxburgh (Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co.), F. Wallis (Messrs. James Bell and Co.), W. T. Brunton (Messrs. Brunton and Co.), G. Gillespie (Messrs. Gillespie Brothers and Co.), G. Turnbull (National Bank), W. E. Mort and J. P. Franki (Mort's Dock, Limited), W. Deuchar (Messrs. Dangar, Gedye, and Co.), B. B. Wiltshire (German Australian Company, Limited), E. J. Lamb (Houlder Brothers, Limited), J. M. Paxton, Captain Edie (Navigation Department), Mr. L. Beaton (Harbour Trust), Messrs. W. M'Master (Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited), W. H. Bell, A. Reid (Melbourne Steamship Company, Limited), W. J. Adams, F. Kirkpatrick (Under-Secretary for Trade and Finance), J. Baxter (Acting Collector of Customs), Dr. Robertson (Caledonian Coal Company), Captain J. Vine Hall, Captain Green (E. and A. Company, Limited), Mr. W. D. Cruickshank, Captain Sim, Messrs. C. S. Willmott (G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited), J. R. Wood (Adelaide S. Company, Limited), H. N. Lethbridge (G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited), Captain J. Rankin and Mr. G. T. Maxfield (Adelaide S. Company, Limited), Messrs. E. O'Brien (Messrs. O'Brien, Munro and Co.), R. Little (Messrs. R. Little and Co.), F. Gow (Messrs. J. Bridge and Co.), J. Wright (Messrs. Prescott and Co.), J. M'Clure (Messrs. J. W. Gray and Co.), Mr. A. E. Rudder (Smelting Company, Limited), Captain Bird (Harbourmaster), Messrs. H. Walsh (engineer, Harbour Trust), F. Thomas (Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company), T. H. Jackson (Illawarra Steam Navigation Company), T. R. Allt and R. A. Bell (North Coast S. N. Company), R. B. Dunlop (Messrs. Turnbull, Martin, and Co.), A. Blow (Smelting Company, Limited), and A. H. Wilson. The guests also included a number of other representatives of oversea, interstate, and coastal steamship companies.

The luncheon was laid in the handsome oak furnished saloon of the steamer by Mr. Donald Hyndman, the chief steward. At its close a short toast list was submitted.

The chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was drunk to the accompaniment of hearty cheers.

The Premier (Sir John See) submitted the toast of "The Adelaide Steamship Company." He had, he said, had considerable experience in shipping, spread over a period of 35 years, and he had watched with considerable interest the wonderful development that had taken place upon our coasts, and the large and better class of steamers that were being brought into use. When they contemplated this development they might well feel proud of the great mercantile nation to which they belonged. (Cheers.) The Adelaide Steamship Company, he understood, started business in 1875 with a capital of £100,000, and with two steamers, the Victoria and the South Australia, and now they had a tonnage aggregating about 53,000 tons, and the capital had increased to £750,000 nominal, and £500,000 paid up. (Hear, hear.) Competition in the coastal trade had been very severe, but no doubt that had led to the development of our agricultural and other resources, because the companies had vied with one another in putting on larger steamers and in carrying cargo at minimum rates. (Hear, hear.) The Adelaide Steamship Company especially were deserving of their congratulations for having placed such a magnificent steamer at the service of the travelling public, which was, indeed, one of the finest vessels he had seen. It showed the confidence the directors of the company had in the future of the Commonwealth. (Hear, hear.) No one deplored more than he did any action taken by the Government to restrict the fair and free operation of our mercantile marine. (Hear, hear.) He would be glad to see a preference given in all cases to our own merchant service trading between various parts of the Empire. (Cheers.) During the time of the South African war we had an illustration of the great advantages which Great Britain enjoyed from having a merchant service at her disposal to carry troops and supplies. (Hear, hear.) A preference given to all British colonies and to all ships flying the British flag would be of immense advantage to the Empire, and would be one of the best beginnings of preferential trade, of which they had heard so much of late, and which he absolutely believed in. (Cheers.) It would, he felt sure, do much towards maintaining and consolidating the Empire. (Cheers.) Whatever disabilities were imposed by foreigners upon the shipping of the Empire, he thought we should endeavour to make them understand that if they would not reciprocate in the same way that we did, it would become part of our policy to enforce the same conditions upon them. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that the Adelaide Steamship Company and kindred companies would go on increasing, and that their trade and the trade of the Commonwealth would enormously extend, as he felt sure it would. (Cheers.) He also hoped that any restrictions that would be likely to retard the progress of our great shipping interests would be speedily removed, so that we might be enabled to carry on our steamship companies for the benefit of the great industrial classes and the benefit of the Empire at large. He asked them to join with him in drinking success to the Adelaide Steamship Company and their new steamer, and to join him in the hope that the company would continue to extend until it reached yet greater proportions. (Cheers.)

The toast was honoured with much enthusiasm.

The Chairman, in responding to the toast, thanked the guests most heartily for the cordial manner in which it had been received. He also extended to them, on the company's behalf, a hearty welcome to this the latest addition to its extensive fleet. It was very pleasing to see so many leading representatives of the commercial and shipping interests present. It was a proof, if any were needed, that, whatever their little differences might be, they could all meet on a common ground and enjoy one another's company free from any influence of bad feeling. The fleet of the Adelaide S.S. Company, Limited, 10 years ago consisted of 16 steamers with a gross aggregate tonnage of 16,000 tons. To-day it comprised 32 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 53,280 tons. (Cheers.) In these days of excessive competition the travelling public was so used to having superabundant facilities for getting between ports with comfort and expedition that it was inclined to want the maximum of convenience with a minimum of expense. (Laughter.) The fact that a steamer like the Yongala had been placed on the Australian coast would show that the company was keeping in mind the motto of the land, "Advance Australia." (Applause.) The vessel could almost be regarded as a mail steamer, as she could develop when her engines were let out a speed of 17 knots. They knew for a certainty that, running from Fremantle to Largs Bay, she averaged, with four boilers, a speed of over 16 knots. It was not so many years ago that steamers like the Lubra, the Rob Roy, and the South Australian were looked upon as wonders for the coastal trade. Now they had steamers of 5000 and 6000 tons, and they were not considered too large. (Applause.) The Adelaide Company claimed to be the only shipping company that circumnavigated Australia.

Captain Webb (Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited) proposed the health of Captain Jas. Sim, commanding the Yongala, and that officer acknowledged the toast in a brief but typical sailor's speech.

This concluded the toast list.

Many of the guests then made an inspection of the beautiful vessel under the guidance of Mr. Prosser, Mr. G. T. Maxfield, superintendent of the stores department, Captain Sim, and officers of the Yongala. The splendid provision made for ventilation, the liberal first saloon and deck accommodation, the well furnished second saloon, and the general appurtenances were much admired.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH HARBOUR TRUST.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The revenue of the Perth Harbour Trust for the past year amounted to £78,213, and during that period the trust returned to the Government 3½ per cent. on the cost of harbour works.

FUNERAL OF A JOCKEY.

The funeral of Gus Farrell, who was killed through Dunedin falling in the Metropolitan Hurdles on Monday, took place yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended.

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INTERSTATE CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. VICTORIA.

FINE BATTING BY STUCKEY.

SUCCESS OF HOPKINS.

INTERESTING POSITION OF THE GAME.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The match between Victoria and New South Wales was advanced another stage to-day, and there will probably be just time to finish it before 10 of the players engaged will have to plunge into the second test match against England. The attendance equalled that of the previous day, 4000 people being present. The wicket had dried when play was started, but was freely pitted over with ball marks, where the grass had been cut completely away, and a ball pitching upon one of them might cause trouble. Otherwise there was nothing to prevent heavy scores being yet made upon the wicket, badly as it seemed to be damaged on Tuesday.

THE VICTORIANS AT THE WICKETS.

M'Alister and Giller, the not-out Victorian batsmen, resumed batting to the bowling of Hopkins and Howell, and played so cautiously that half an hour's batting yielded only 8 runs. The total was carried to 37 when Hopkins disposed of Giller with a fine one-handed catch in the slips off Howell.

The arrival of Armstrong seemed to be a stimulus to M'Alister, who started to score more freely. But they were not long together. Armstrong had only made 1 when he went forward to a ball from Howell, which beat him, and just touched the stumps hard enough to drop a bail. He would probably have been stumped in any case. The second wicket fell at 49.

Bruce was the next batsman, and started business with one of his favourite leg glances for 3 off Hopkins, and hit one of Howell's to long-leg for 4. Howell appeared to have a pet spot between Bruce's leg and the wicket, and kept pegging away there, with the batsman in the main strictly on the defensive, but at length Bruce drove one to the off fence. At 68 Noble went on in place of Hopkins, and M'Alister was almost immediately bowled by Howell with a beautiful length ball, which struck about 4in below the bails, having beaten the batsman completely. Howell's three wickets had cost him 22 runs, and the score at the fall of the third was 69.

The fieldsmen at once crowded in on Trott, who, however, maintained good defence. With 91 scored M'Beath went on at Noble's end, and a little later Trott got him to the fence with a fine off drive. The 100 was got in 2 hours 10 minutes' batting. Then three balls in succession from Howell puzzled Bruce a good deal, but the last of a difficult over he drove straight for a single. There were constant changes of bowling at one end, Hopkins being on again, and in his first over he bowled Bruce, who had scored 26. Four wickets for 103.

Trumble, who was the next man, glanced the first ball he got down to leg for a couple. M'Beath went over to Howell's end, and Trott got him away to square-leg for 3. At the adjournment the score was 117.

The same bowlers continued after lunch, and with 10 runs slowly added to the score Trumble just lifted his heel in playing forward at Hopkins and was smartly stumped by Kelly. Five for 127.

As soon as Laver came in, Howell went back to his old bowling crease. But Hopkins was getting the wickets. Trott cut one of his square, and Noble, at point, took the catch very smartly. Trott's score was 35, well and soundly made. The sixth wicket fell at 128.

M'Leod joined Laver, and the Sydney fieldsmen, who were working finely, crowded very close in upon them, only one man being out near the fence. Laver failed to score, for Hopkins bowled him, and got his fourth wicket for 36 runs. Seven for 131. Until Stuckey came the batting had been rather tedious, but he showed, as in the first innings, that same keen desire to get runs and to get them quickly. M'Leod also batted extremely well. With the score at 78, Noble went on in place of Hopkins, and at a later stage M'Beath relieved Howell. M'Leod at once ran out a long way to M'Beath, missed it, and was stumped by Kelly. The partnership had put on 59 runs in an hour's batting.

Monfries joined Stuckey and was soon sent back again, being beautifully caught by Howell in the slips, the ball, which came very low to him, being taken just a couple of inches off the grass.

When Saunders came in, Stuckey, realising that runs had to be made quickly, if at all, back-cut Howell beautifully to the grandstand fence, and a little later, after diplomatically keeping Saunders away from the bowling, he hit one of Hopkins' to the leg boundary. He continued to force it, and coming opposite Howell again, hit one high to the fence, and drove the next splendidly to the off, being loudly cheered as he passed into the seventies. It was the first bit of batting during the day that was really worth watching. There were roars of applause when Stuckey, letting go at Hopkins, again lifted him, first to the grandstand fence for 4, and then with a straight drive for 3 got opposite the bowling again, and with an off hit passed Trumble's score of 80, and got top score of the match. He just managed it when Saunders returned a catch to Howell, and the innings closed for 253. Stuckey was an hour and three-quarters getting his 81, in which were nine fours, and he gave no chance of any kind. The fielding of the New South Wales men was firstrate, though a couple of catches were dropped.

NEW SOUTH WALES BATTING.

With 383 to win—a tremendous task on a wicket battered by storm as well as cricket—New South Wales opened their innings, this time with Duff and Farquhar, to the bowling of Saunders and M'Leod. The start was a bad one, for Farquhar hooked a ball from Saunders round to the on, where Laver was waiting expectantly for his chance, and took it cleverly. One for 11.

Another of the new men, Mackay, came in. His first good stroke was an on-hit to the fence off M'Leod, while Duff brought off one of those charming off-drives which come so easy to him, and his glancing to leg was equally skilful. Mackay, too, showed confidence and style. When 51 appeared as the result of good, confident batting, a change was due in the bowling, and Trumble and Armstrong went on, Duff at once making his first weak stroke in putting one up just out of Laver's reach. After this he played beautiful cricket. He completed his first 50 in 65 minutes' play, the total being then 75. They got to 80 with only one wicket down. They were still at 80 a little later, with four batsmen gone. When Mackay had scored 22 he put the ball from Trumble within bare reach of Trott at point, and it was touched but not held. Laver was tried in place of Armstrong, and off his third ball Mackay, who batted very nicely, was caught at the wicket. Trumper was the next on the batting list, but Duff ran in and advised a change. It would have been foolish, perhaps, to risk Trumper's wicket, with only a quarter of an hour to play, in a failing light, so Howell took his place. Duff, on hitting at one of Trumble's, touched it, and Monfries was again equal to the emergency, taking a smart catch.

M'Beath was put in to kill time, and attempted stonewalling in rather an awkward fashion, with the fieldsmen crowding about him. A third appeal, and Howell, too, was out, caught at the wickets—a bit of smart work on the part of Monfries, which gave Laver two wickets for 2 runs.

When Noble came next the crowd cheered him loudly in recognition of his taking the risks himself at that late hour. He scored a couple, and saw M'Beath scoop one feebly back to Trumble, and New South Wales had lost five wickets for 82.

At that stage the stumps were drawn.

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

W. Bruce, b M'Beath	8
P. M'Alister, b Noble	54
W. W. Armstrong, c Kelly, b Noble	44
G. H. S. Trott, c Noble, b Hopkins	38
J. F. Giller, c S. E. Gregory, b Hopkins	14
F. Laver, b Farquhar	49
H. Trumble, c Duff, b Noble	80
H. Stuckey, b Howell	14
C. M'Leod, not out	20
E. Monfries, c Kelly, b Noble	0
J. V. Saunders, lbw, b Howell	0
Sundries	9
Total	312

Bowling Analysis.—M'Beath, 216 balls, 68 runs, 14 maidens, 1 wicket; Noble, 210 balls, 68 runs, 12 maidens, 4 wickets; Hopkins, 132 balls, 57 runs, 6 maidens, 2 wickets; Howell, 162 balls, 67 runs, 5 maidens, 2 wickets; Farquhar, 60 balls, 40 runs, 1 maiden, 1 wicket; Trumper, 12 balls, 8 runs, 0 maidens, 0 wicket. M'Beath and Farquhar each bowled 4 wides and Noble 2 no balls.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

R. A. Duff, lbw, b Trumble	41
J. J. Kelly, c Bruce, b Trumble	31
V. Trumper, b Laver	45
M. A. Noble, b M'Leod	8
S. E. Gregory, c and b M'Leod	2
A. J. Hopkins, c Trumble, b M'Leod	7
C. Gregory, b M'Leod	18
J. R. Mackay, c Trumble, b M'Leod	2
R. W. Farquhar, c Armstrong, b M'Leod	3
W. P. Howell, c Saunders, b M'Leod	16
A. M'Beath, not out	0
Sundries	10
Total	183

Bowling Analysis.—Laver, 96 balls, 44 runs, 5 maidens, 1 wicket; Trumble, 90 balls, 67 runs, 1 maiden, 2 wickets; Saunders, 48 balls, 28 runs, 1 maiden, 0 wickets; M'Leod, 71 balls, 24 runs, 2 maidens, 7 wickets.

VICTORIA.—Second Innings.

P. M'Alister, b Howell	29
J. F. Giller, c Hopkins, b Howell	13
W. W. Armstrong, b Howell	1
W. Bruce, b Hopkins	26
H. Trumble, st Kelly, b Hopkins	9
G. H. S. Trott, c Noble, b Hopkins	35
F. Laver, b Hopkins	0
C. M'Leod, std Kelly, b M'Beath	26
E. Monfries, c Howell, b Hopkins	9
H. Stuckey, not out	81
J. V. Saunders, c and b Howell	9
Sundries	15
Total	253

Bowling Analysis.—Noble, 132 balls, 41 runs, 5 maidens, no wickets; M'Beath, 126 balls, 37 runs, 9 maidens, one wicket; Howell, 228 balls, 94 runs, 12 maidens, four wickets; Hopkins, 180 balls, 70 runs, 13 maidens, five wickets; Trumper, 6 balls, 2 runs, no maidens, no wickets.

Hopkins bowled three wides and Noble one.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Second Innings.

R. W. Farquhar, c Laver, b Saunders	3
J. R. Mackay, c Monfries, b Laver	25
R. A. Duff, c Monfries, b Trumble	51
W. P. Howell, c Monfries, b Laver	0
A. M'Beath, c and b Trumble	0
M. A. Noble, not out	2
Sundries	1
Five wickets for	82

NEW SOUTH WALES v QUEENSLAND.

FOSTER SCORES 131.

SPLENDID BOWLING BY BOWDEN.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

WIN FOR NEW SOUTH WALES BY TWO RUNS.

The match between New South Wales and Queensland was continued on the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday in perfect weather, and the result, after a most exciting finish, was a win for New South Wales by 2 runs. The attendance was next to nil. Foster 69, and Macdonald 10, and two wickets for 172, or 121 runs required and eight wickets in hand, was the state of the game when Pye and Fisher opened the attack. Singles, varied by an occasional four, carried the total to 207, and here Macdonald was completely beaten by Deane, who, at 198, bowled in place of Pye. Macdonald was in 1h 10m for 22, and the partnership had put on 58, and there were now 86 required and seven wickets to fall. Foster was 87 when joined by Evans, and at 92 he should have been caught and bowled by Bowden off a soft stroke.

Foster was a long time going from 90 to 100. At 95 he should have been stumped off Bowden, Carter failing to take the ball, and a bye resulting. Evans likewise left his crease, and this time the wicketkeeper made no mistake. 4-15-230. Fitzgerald came next. He would probably have been run out had Fisher picked up cleanly at third man. Presently Foster brought up the century with a fine off drive. He was in 3h 42m. Just prior to the luncheon adjournment Fitzgerald was caught by Carter off Fisher. 5-14-253. Forty runs were required by the Queenslanders when Atkins joined Foster, and at the adjournment the score was 260. Foster 110, Atkins 1.

There were 23 required when play was resumed. Deane and Bowden had charge of the attack. Runs came along steadily and 270 appeared on the scoring-board, but three runs later Atkins was beaten by Bowden, who was bowling splendidly. 6-1-274. Foster was playing with confidence. A square cut by him to the boundary off Bowden was deservedly applauded, and also an off drive for 3, the latter leaving 8 to win. At 287, and with 6 wanted, Foster's long innings came to a close. He tried to get a ball from Bowden to leg, but getting too far under, he gave Fisher, who ran from short slip, a chance, which was not neglected. Foster was in 4½h for 131, a great innings, though not free from chances. He hit thirteen fourers, and had seen seven wickets fall. His cricket was solid rather than brilliant.

Byrnes came next, and shaped poorly at the balance of Bowden's over. Presently 3 were required to win, and the finish was exciting. Without another run, Miller miss-hit Bowden, and was caught by Pye at cover point, and the eighth wicket was down. Griffith, with Foster to run for him, now came out, and Bowden bowled him second ball. Two runs were required to tie when Henry came out, and one wicket to fall. The aboriginal played the remaining ball of the over. With the last ball of his over Deane caught and bowled Byrnes, and a most exciting match was won by New South Wales by two runs. The innings lasted 4h 45m.

Bowden, on the previous afternoon, had 30 runs against him without having secured a wicket. Yesterday he sent down 16 overs, 5 maidens, 40 runs, 5 wickets. As his figures indicate, he bowled in excellent form, maintaining an accurate length and getting on a lot of work. All the men worked hard in the field, so hard that a couple of the visiting team admitted that the victory was deserved. It was rather hard luck that the Queenslanders, after apparently having secured so good a grip of the game, should have allowed it to slip away from them. They, however, played an excellent uphill game, and for that deserve a good deal of credit. The following are the scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

M. H. Blaxland, c Miller, b Byrnes	15
R. N. Hickson, c Griffiths, b Byrnes	50
T. Foster, b Byrnes	8
L. W. Pye, c and b Griffith	4
A. Diamond, b Miller	21
N. Deane, c Foster, b Byrnes	11
D. Gee, c Griffith, b Miller	45
G. Black, b Fitzgerald	72
A. J. Bowden, c Edwards, b Byrnes	57
A. D. Fisher, b Griffith	23
H. Carter, not out	16
Byes 8, leg-byes 2, wides 3, no ball 1	14
Total	334

Bowling Analysis.—Henry, 18 overs, 3 maidens, 57 runs; Byrnes, 29 overs, 6 maidens, 112 runs, 5 wickets; Griffith, 15.2 overs, 2 maidens, 70 runs, 2 wickets; Miller, 14 overs, 2 maidens, 49 runs, 2 wickets; Fitzgerald, 8 overs, 1 maiden, 32 runs, 1 wicket.

QUEENSLAND.—First Innings.

T. Byrnes, st Carter, b Pye	7
D. Miller, c Black, b Pye	9
J. Carew, c Carter, b Deane	15
R. Macdonald, not out	62
W. T. Evans, c Blaxland, b Pye	78
C. Patrick, c and b Bowden	6
A. Atkins, st Carter, b Black	0
J. Fitzgerald, st Carter, b Black	5
N. K. Foster, b Bowden	21
H. B. Griffith, lbw, b Bowden	6
H. Henry, c Diamond, b Bowden	0
Byes 2, leg-byes 3, no balls 8	13
Total	222

Bowling Analysis.—Fisher, no balls 6, 18 overs, 8 maidens, 32 runs, 0 wicket; Pye, 28 overs, 9 maidens, 49 runs, 3 wickets; Deane, 26 overs, 13 maidens, 39 runs, 1 wicket; Black, no balls 2, 13 overs, 5 maidens, 41 runs, 2 wickets; Gee, 4 overs, 1 maiden, 10 runs, 0 wicket; Bowden, 13.4 overs, 2 maidens, 38 runs, 4 wickets.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Second Innings.

R. N. Hickson, c Evans, b Henry	4
D. Gee, b Henry	7
N. Y. Deane, c Fitzgerald, b Byrnes	0
H. Carter, c substitute, b Miller	38
A. Diamond, b Byrnes	29
L. W. Pye, b Fitzgerald	32
G. Black, b Henry	21
M. H. Blaxland, lbw, b Fitzgerald	9
A. J. Bowden, not out	9
A. D. Fisher, b Henry	5
T. Foster, c and b Fitzgerald	0
Byes 5, leg-byes 1, wides 3	9
Total	180

Bowling Analysis.—Byrnes, 14 overs, 5 maidens, 20 runs, 2 wickets; Henry, 19.4 overs, 5 maidens, 49 runs, 4 wickets, 3 wides; Miller, 10 overs, 2 maidens, 50 runs, 1 wicket; Fitzgerald, 14 overs, 3 maidens, 52 runs, 3 wickets.

QUEENSLAND.—Second Innings.

C. Patrick, b Fisher	56
J. Carew, c Gee, b Pye	16
N. K. Foster, c Fisher, b Bowden	131
R. Macdonald b Deane	22
W. T. Evans, std Carter, b Bowden	15
J. Fitzgerald, c Carter, b Fisher	14
A. Atkins, b Bowden	1
D. Miller, c Pye, b Bowden	6
T. Byrnes, c and b Deane	0
H. B. Griffith, b Bowden	0
A. Henry, not out	0
Byes 18, leg-byes 5, wide 1, no balls 5	29
Total	290

Bowling analysis: Deane, 1 no-ball, 34 overs, 9 maidens, 66 runs, 2 wickets; Bowden, 29 overs, 7 maidens, 70 runs, 5 wickets; Fisher, 3 no-balls, 1 wide, 17 overs, 4 maidens, 41 runs, 2 wickets; Pye, 20 overs, 3 maidens, 55 runs, 1 wicket; Black, 1 no-ball, 7 overs, 1 maiden, 22 runs, 0 wickets; Gee, 3 overs, 0 maidens, 17 runs, 0 wickets.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

GUN CLUB £75 HANDICAP.

Members of the New South Wales Gun Club met at the grounds, Botany, yesterday, to compete for a £75 open handicap. There was a disappointing attendance, both on the part of shooters and the general public. The birds, although a good mixed lot, were by no means up to the standard. Twenty-six out of the original number of competitors in the handicap elected to shoot.

In the first round, five shooters retired, and in the second two nominations and two stars dropped out. The third round saw the retirement of two sportsmen, and the fourth four. Two nominations and one star dropped out in the fifth round, and another competitor went out in the sixth round. The seventh round, the last before adjournment for lunch, accounted for the dismissal of four more. Resuming after luncheon, there were eight nominations, including two star chances. Messrs. Eales and Lawson having lost their birds, the remaining six—Messrs. M. Crowhurst (29yds), H. Garratt (27yds), R. A. M'Kenzie (24yds), "Canuck" (24yds), and J. Clark (25yds), and "Orphan" (21yds), star nomination—were allowed to take out £10 each, and shoot for the balance. In the eleventh round, Mr. M'Kenzie and Mr. Crowhurst fell out, and Mr. Garratt, "Canuck," and "Orphan" agreed to divide the pool. The following are the scores:—H. Garratt (27yds), "Canuck" (24yds), and "Orphan" (21yds), star nomination, 11 kills each; R. A. M'Kenzie (24yds) and Mr. Crowhurst (29yds), 10 kills each; A. W. Eales (32yds), W. F. Lawson (27yds), and J. Clark (25yds), star nomination, 7 kills each; G. R. M'Intosh (25yds), "Herbert" (30yds), J. E. Meynink (23yds), and R. D. Hill (21yds), 6 kills each; H. Hill (22yds), 5 kills; L. N. Walford (24yds), A. Hill (29yds), A. H. Emanuel (23yds), star nomination, 4 kills each; F. W. Hill (28yds), J. Trim (27yds), A. Brown (25yds), and "Tierce" (25yds), 3 kills each; E. Blake (28yds) and P. Glenister (23yds), 2 kills each; C. E. Rowley (24yds), and J. Isaacs (24yds), and W. H. Ross (25yds) and Ross-Smith (21yds), star nominations, 1 kill each; W. H. Ross (25yds), J. Clark (25yds), Ross-Smith (24yds), A. H. Emanuel (23yds), and "Orphan" (23yds), none.

N.S.W. GUN CLUB.

Sweepstakes shooting took place, and resulted as follows:—

First Sweep (25 competitors).—M. Crowhurst (30), W. F. Lawson (27), A. Brown (26), *Tierce (25), *Canuck (25) and R. D. Hill (21) divided, killing nine.

Second Sweep (19 competitors).—A. W. Eales (32), H. Garratt (28), J. Trim (27), A. Brown (26), and P. Glenister (23) divided, killing 13.

Third Sweep (12 competitors).—A. W. Eales (32), A. Brown (26), *Tierce (25), and A. Hill (23) divided, killing four.

Fourth Sweep (seven competitors).—H. Garratt (28), A. Brown (26), and *Tierce (25) divided, killing six.

A. Brown (26) killed 25 out of 30 and *Canuck 23 out of 24.

*Assumed.

MACLEAN, Wednesday.

In a pigeon match held here to-day, G. Woods and Alf. Graham tied at 19 birds, and then shot off with a double rise, when Woods won. W. M'Guren was third with 11 kills. There were 22 competitors.

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WITHDRAWAL FROM FEDERATION.

A NOISY MEETING.

A REFERENDUM ADVOCATED.

MOVEMENT CHARACTERISED AS REBELLION.

A meeting to consider the "withdrawal from the Victorian federation," to quote the words of the cards of invitation issued, was held at the School of Arts, Pitt-street, last night. About 300 people were present, including a number of ladies. Representative men were, however, conspicuous by their absence. Mr. Daniel Hogarth presided, and the meeting was at times noisy, and there was a good deal of interruption, although the remarks of the speakers were generally loudly applauded. A large section of the audience had apparently assembled expecting to be entertained and amused.

The chairman said nothing but the immense importance of the question would have dragged him from his home. Those who were moving in this matter approached the question with a grave sense of the responsibility resting upon their shoulders. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. John Haynes, M.L.A., who was received with applause, said that for the last three or four years he had felt that that night would come. (Hear, hear.) The fight which was originating in that room was going to last till they were victorious. (Loud cheers.) There was a deep and wide antipathy existing in New South Wales to the condition of slavery in which they had been plunged by federation. (Cheers.) They were starting in a preliminary way, and the Town Hall demonstration which they intended to hold would, he ventured to say, attract fully 50,000. (Cheers.) There had been no more generous exhibition of fidelity to union than that shown by the people of New South Wales in the federation, and the treatment we had received need not be referred to that night. (Cheers.) They simply proposed at that meeting to ask the Lord Mayor to call a meeting to be held in the Town Hall to take steps for having a referendum of the people of New South Wales as to whether or not they should continue in the federation. (Loud cheers and interruption.) Leagues would be formed in every part of New South Wales, and every member of the State Parliament would be asked to say if he favoured the taking of a referendum of the people as to whether they would in future be free men or slaves. (Loud cheers.) We were further off real union to-day than ever, and there was developing a keener State hatred than ever. (Cheers and interruption.) Where were the men who championed this movement? (A voice: "In good billets.") Yes, they had prior to the elections placed themselves in good billets. (Cheers.) New South Wales would get free from federation, and would drag these men who had appointed themselves to the judicial bench from their billets. (Loud cheers.) In scores of cases, not only by direct acts, but by acts of administration, there had been an absolute disregard of the conditions of federation. From the very first day when New South Wales entered the Federation until now she had suffered nothing but degradation and insult. (Loud cheers.) The action of the Federal Government with regard to retaining the duties on foodstuffs was severely criticised. The inequalities in the voting power was emphasised, and amidst cheers Mr. Haynes asserted that New South Wales had been flouted in regard to the fixing of the Federal capital site and other matters. Instead of giving a revenue tariff as promised, the Federal Government had, he said, imposed a high protective tariff. (Cheers and interruption.) He moved the following resolution, which was a requisition to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman S. E. Lees:—

"Sir,—We, the citizens of Sydney, in public meeting assembled, being desirous of approaching the State Parliament in the matter of a referendum on the question of a withdrawal from the Federation, beg to request that you will in your official capacity convene a meeting of the citizens in the Town Hall for the purpose of a public demonstration to that end. We respectfully subscribe our names as hereunder."

A voice: John Haynes. (Loud laughter and cheers.)

A gentleman came forward and asked that before moving a resolution which would make the meeting and New South Wales appear ridiculous in the eyes of the world, they would read the preamble to the Constitution Bill, which said that the people entered into an indissoluble union.

Mr. Haynes said that in England there was every year a bonfire of Acts of Parliament that the people had thrown aside. (Loud cheers and interruption.)

Mr. E. W. Foxall seconded the resolution, amidst cries from several individuals of "Who are you?" and interruption.

A member of the audience, who characterised the movement as one for rebellion, moved an amendment to the effect that the Constitution be given a fair trial.

The chairman put the amendment to the meeting, and about a dozen hands were held up in its favour. On the resolution being put, about half of the 300 people present voted for it.

Mr. D. Hogarth was appointed hon. treasurer to the movement, and Mr. G. Eagar hon. secretary.

The meeting closed with cheers for Mr. Haynes, and for "freedom and triumph."

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 44 years, 49.674.

Average rainfall for 45 years, January 1 to November 30, 46.887.

Total from January 1 to December 30, 38.618.

Temperature, maximum, 77.2; minimum, 68.5.

Humidity—At 9 a.m., 73; at 3 p.m., 57.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Perth, 29.91; Esperance Bay, 30.03; Eucla, 30.06; Streaky Bay, 30.07; Adelaide, 30.04; Robe, 30.09; Portland, 30.07; Melbourne, 30.01; Wilson's Promontory, 30.00; Gabo Island, 29.88; Cape St. George, 29.09; Sydney, 29.92; Newcastle, 29.92; Port Macquarie, 29.92; Clarence Heads, 29.85; Brisbane, 29.83; Rockhampton, 29.81; Mackay, 29.83; Cooktown, 29.75.

RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Adaminaby 50 points, Araluen 25, Adelong 3, Albury 5, Bega 35, Bombala 8, Braidwood 21, Broken Hill 1, Bateman's Bay 24, Bemboka 38, Bungendore 64, Burrowa 17, Cape St. George 8, Cobar 12, Condobolin 2, Cooma 46, Cootamundra 13, Cowra, 7, Delegate 8, Euabalong 6, Eden 8, Gabo Island 6, Germanton 23, Goulburn 17, Grenfell 6, Green Cape 7, Gundagai 6, Heuty 9, Hillston 12, Ivanhoe 23, Kiandra 12, Menindie 30, Moruya Heads 44, Mount Hope 20, Murrumburrah 8, Michelago 57, Milparinka 14, Mossgiel 4, Nimitybelle 50, Pambula 30, Queanbeyan 55, Taralga 1, Tarcutta 3, Tibooburra 14, Tilpa 15, Tocumwal 2, Tumbarumba 30, Tumut 4, Ulladulla 26, Wanaaring 7, Wagga 5, Wellington 50, White Cliffs 25, Wilcannia 43, Wyalong 6, Young 12, Yass 19.

Additional rainfall reported at 9 p.m.:—Cooma, 5 points; Cootamundra, 30; Kiandra, 2.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Unsettled and sultry conditions prevailed generally, and thundershowers were experienced over a wide belt of country extending from Tibooburra in the far northwest to Gabo in the extreme south-east.

South Australia.—Overcast in the far inland; mostly clear otherwise.

Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy and unsettled near the coast; fine inland.

New Caledonia.—Cloudy at Gomen.

Western Australia.—Fine and warm.

Tasmania.—Cloudy generally.

Queensland.—Sultry and unsettled throughout.

Northern Australia.—Unsettled throughout.

New Zealand.—Dull throughout.

THE RIVERS INLAND.

The following were the heights of the rivers inland at 9 a.m.:—Albury, 1ft 9in; Balranald, 11in; Bingara, 3ft 8in; Boggabilla, 3ft 11in, f; Booligal, 2ft, f; Bourke, 11ft 5in, f; Brewarrina, 7ft 1in; Condobolin, 3ft 8in, f; Cowra, 2ft 1in, f; Dubbo, 2ft 6in; Euabalong, 4ft 7in, r; Goodooga, 4ft, r; Gundagai, 1ft 10½in; Gunnedah, 2ft, f; Hay, 9in; Hillston, 1ft 4in; Kunopia, low; Louth, 17ft, f; Manilla, low; Menindie, 21ft 9½in; Mogil Mogil, 8ft; Mungindi, 10ft, f; Moama, 10ft 9in; Moulamein, 3ft; Narrandera, 8ft 6in, f; Pooncarie, 21ft; Tilpa, 21ft, f; Tocumwal, 1ft 9in; Wagga Wagga, 2ft 7in; Wentworth, 10ft 8in; Wilcannia, 23ft 1in, f; Yetman, 3ft; Barwon River, at Walgett, 21ft, r; Namoi, River, at Walgett, 12ft dis r.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea heavy; Byron Bay, SSE, fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Ballina, S, cloudy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, S, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, SE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, S, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S, fresh, cloudy, sea rough; Manning Heads, S, light, fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, SW, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, SE, light fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, SE, light, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, calm, fine, sea moderate; Kiama, SSE, light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S, light, fine, sea slight; Ulladulla, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, S, light, dull, sea slight; Eden, S, light, showery, sea slight; Green Cape, SW, light, showery, misty, sea slight; Gabo Island, S, light, cloudy, misty, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Unsettled generally; scattered thunderstorms; southerly winds, squally on parts of the coast.

Victoria.—Fine, cool south-easterly winds; sea slight.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Temperature rising; another warm wave beginning; light to moderate winds between south and east, tending northerly; sea smooth.—C. Todd.

Western Australia.—Hot or sultry throughout, with scattered thunderstorms, but a cool change may be expected in the south-east shortly; unsettled in the tropics, where the weather requires watching.—W. E. Cooke.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 31.

Sun rises at 4.46, sets at 7.10; moon, 4.4 p.m., 1.47 a.m.; Mercury, 6.14 a.m., 8.27 p.m.; Venus, 2.4 a.m., 3.39 p.m.; Mars, 7.39 a.m., 9.24 p.m.; Jupiter, 10.18 a.m., 10.57 p.m.; Saturn, 7.7 a.m., 9.1 p.m.

Full moon January 3; new moon, January 18.

High water at Fort Denison, 5.44 a.m., 6.12 p.m.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The disadvantages the occupants of the lawn have in judging a close finish with the least degree of accuracy was clearly demonstrated at Randwick yesterday morning. A discussion arose amongst several trainers and owners concerning the finish of the Summer Cup, and in order to convince a visiting owner, who was not familiar with the angle, a couple of hurdles were placed level on the judge's line, one 3ft out from the rails and the other 3ft wider out. The position of the hurdles viewed from the lawn at the northern end of the grandstand gave the outside hurdle (Long Tom) an apparent advantage over the inside hurdle (Bridegroom). Viewed from the rails on the right of the judge's box—which is the nearest outsiders can get to the judge—the outside hurdle appeared to be 5ft in front of the inside one. All present, even those who at first were disposed to doubt Mr. Perry's finding, were fully convinced that the judge was right and the lawn critics wrong, though it was generally admitted that the angle at which the lawnites viewed the race was such that the coolest could easily misjudge a finish, and be led to suppose that Long Tom was in front when he and Bridegroom had crossed the judge's line of vision. During the forenoon, at Mr. Clibborn's request, Earnshaw sent out two horses in racing colours, and brought them up to the winning post in the same positions as Long Tom and Bridegroom finished on Saturday, and photographs were taken of them in three positions—from the judge's box, the rails to the right of the box, and from the same distance to the left of the box.

On Tuesday the steeplechasers Rise Up, ridden by Grimes, and Teamster, on whom Burtenshawe had the mount, did some excellent practice over the steeplechase fences. After jumping the three schooling fences they were taken over four fences in the straight on the steeplechase course proper, and both jumped perfectly.

Yesterday morning at Randwick the cross-country horse Galtee More, with B. Whalley up, jumped three hurdles, and then negotiated three fences in first-rate style. Lantier, with J. Montgomery in the saddle, was schooled over half a dozen hurdles, and jumped remarkably well. Among the flat racers out Apsley ran seven furlongs on the tan in 1m 33s. Ryde and Oblivion each did a useful working gallop, and several others spurted. Idolise, with the better of the weights, beat Prince Lyon by 20 lengths over six furlongs.

The name of War Gun has been bestowed upon the two-year-old colt by War God from the Bargo mare Lottie.

As a result of the circular sent out by the recently-formed Bookmakers' Association in New Zealand, a number of the clubs there have decided to license bookmakers to bet at their meetings.

The last meeting of the Christchurch Racing Club was very successful, over £2000 more being invested on the totalisator than was the case last year.

The colt by Orzil (imp.)—Riddle has been struck out of the Champagne Stakes.

The Nabiac J.C. meeting on February 6 has been granted registration by the A.J.C.

The card for the Carrington Stakes will be called at Tattersall's and City Tattersall's clubs to-night.

The demonstration which took place at Randwick on Saturday after the judge had given his decision in the Summer Cup has engaged the attention of the A.J.C. committee. As a result the club will in future strictly enforce the bylaw which provides that any person, member or otherwise, may be removed from the course and prosecuted for using threatening and obscene language or behaving improperly or riotously.

The Brighton Racing Club's pony and galloway meeting will be held at Brighton today. In addition to the ordinary traffic service, a special train will leave Redfern at 2 p.m.

Entries close to-day with the secretary (Mr. A. E. Bateman) for the Rosebery Park meeting which is to be held on Monday next. The programme is as follows:—Flying Handicap, 4f; Fourteen Hands Welter Handicap, 4f; Novice Welter Handicap, 4f; Fourteen-two Handicap, 4f; and Rosebery Park Handicap, 6½f.

A sale of untried blood stock and racehorses will be held by Mr. T. S. Clibborn at T. Payten's Newmarket stables, Randwick, on January 25. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

The Kensington Racing Club's regular meeting will be held on Wednesday next, entries closing with the secretary (Mr. P. O'Mara) to-day.

Mechlin and Chamberlain have both been turned out for a spell.

The entry of Pelissier for the S.T.C. Anniversary Handicap has been declared informal and his name has been removed from the nomination list.

The last event of the day provided a splendid race at Kensington yesterday. Out of 15 horses entered, 13 went to the post. Trinket ruled as favourite for some time, till ousted by Nat Gould, but the pair eventually started at 7 to 2. The field kept well together all the way, and 50 yards from the post half a dozen horses were in line, but Nat Gould and Trinket finished too well for the others, and the judge placed the two in the order named.

Kaffir was yesteray struck out of the Steeplechase, to be run on the second day of the Tattersall's Meeting.

An advertisement appears elsewhere notifying that a meeting of the New South Wales Pony Association will be held at the School of Arts on January 7.

Messrs. W. Inglis and Son will offer the bay gelding N.G. for sale by auction at their bazaar to-day.

KENSINGTON RACING CLUB.

The weekly meeting of the Kensington Racing Club was held yesterday and was largely attended. The track was in first-class condition and everything passed off satisfactorily. Following are the results:—

Fifteen Hands Handicap of 30 sovs., second 3 sovs., 4½f.—C. Gallimore's Battler, by Blarnose—Sunflower, 8st 6lb (W. Evans), 1; Tonic, 7st 8lb (J. Cartwright), 2; Lady Primrose, 7st 1lb, including 1lb over (T. W. Price), 3. Betting: 7 to 2 on Battler, 3 to 1 v Lady Primrose, 10 to 1 v Tonic. Won by half a length. Time, 58½s.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 25 sovs, second 3 sovs, 4½f.—J. Carey's Cakewalk, by Autonomy—Can Can, 7st 4lb (James O'Donnell), 1; Dolly, 8st (A. G. Wagner), 2; Tricky, 7st 13lb (T. Adams), 3. Other starters: Noble Lady, 8st 8lb; Chlorine, 8st 2lb, including 6lb over; Mona Lily, 7st 7lb; Chynus, 7st 4lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Cakewalk, 5 to 2 v Tricky, 6 to 1 each v Noble Lady and Chynus, 10 to 1 v others. Won easily by a length and a half, a head between second and third. Time, 59½s.

Trial Stakes of 25 sovs, second 3 sovs, 5f.—J. Gilbert's Amazon, by Invader—Woeful, 7st 3lb (T. Price), 1; Mervella, 7st 12lb (P. Fraser), 2; Royd, 7st 10lb (H. Martin), 3. Other starters: Portrait, 8st 12lb; Glandore, 7st 12lb. Betting: 5 to 2 each v Amazon and Glandore, 4 to 1 each v Mervella and Royd, 5 to 1 v Portrait. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 5s.

Fourteen Hands Handicap of 25 sovs, 5½f.—R. Stone's Linda, by Sir William—dam unknown, 9st 6½lb, including 1½lb over (T. Merritt), 1; Ayah, 7st 1½lb, including 1½lb over (P. Fraser), 2; Rene, 7st 11lb, including 8lb over (H. Russell), 3. Other starters: Miss Chetwynd, 8st 7lb; Ladybird, 7st 9lb; Manalea, 7st 2lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Ayah, 5 to 2 v Miss Chetwynd 5 to 1 v Ladybird and Linda. Won by a length and a half. Time 1m 8½s.

Fourteen-two Handicap, of 30 sovs, second 3 sovs, 4½f.—W. H. Moore's Sparrow, by Metal (imp.)—The Wren, 8st 5lb (C. Murphy), 1; Florrie, 9st 10lb (J. Riley), 2; Satania, 9st 10lb (A. Wagner), 3. Other starter: Report, 9st. Betting: 7 to 4 on Florrie, 6 to 4 v Sparrow. Won by a neck. Time, 58½s.

Kensington Handicap of 40 sovs, second 5 sovs, 1m.—P. Stewart's Nat Gould, by Medallion—Vera, 7st 5lb (D. Price), 1; Trinket, 8st 12lb (J. Riley), 2; Jessie Agnes, 7st 1lb (A. Norris), 3. Other starters: Olga Patricia, 9st; The Martin, 8st 13lb; Blue Blood, 8st 12lb; Goodwin, 8st 10lb; Rosebank, 8st 2lb; Kilcoy, 7st 9½lb, inc. 1½lb over; Snowdon, 7st 5lb; Ennismore, 7st 3lb; Rouloch, 7st 1lb; Brunette, 7st. Betting: 7 to 2 v Nat Gould and Trinket, 4 to 1 v Rosebank, 7 to 1 v Brunette, 8 to 20 to 1 v others. Won by a head. Time, 1m 46½s.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB.

NEW YEAR MEETING.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The following are the results of the third day's racing at the Western Australian Turf Club's New Year Meeting:—

Guildford Hurdles of 170 sovs, second 35 sovs, and third 15 sovs, 1m 7f.—Leonatus, by The Admiral—Lorna, 11st 8lb (Smith), 1; Lord Middleton, 9st 13lb (Cody), 2; Sir John, 9st 13lb (Watt), 3. Other starters: John See, 11st 8lb; Williamsbury, 10st 7lb; Wise Step, 10st; Flight, 10st; Bombaster, 9st 13lb; The Punter, 9st 11lb; Metalloid, 9st. Leonatus won hard held by six lengths, a neck between second and third. Metalloid and Flight fell. Time, 3m 38 1-5s. The winner started at 5 to 1. Dividend, £2 17s.

Swan Handicap of 150 sovs, second horse 25 sovs, and third 10 sovs, for two-year-olds, 6f.—Hurley Burley, 9st 1lb (Ivory), 1; Napoleon, 9st 1lb (Trenoweth), 2; Medal, 9st 5lb (A. Cox), 3. Other starters: Fiction, 8st 9lb; Persaut, 8st 11lb. Won on the post by a neck. Time, 1m 20 2-5s. The winner started at 7 to 2. Dividend, £1 10s.

Railway Stakes.—Meteorite (J. Long), 1; Homeward Bound (P. King), 2; Merryman (W. Ivory), 3; Bivalve (T. Woodgate), 4. Other starters: Crosskeys, Santoi, Eland, Cypher, St. George, Millner, Loch Dee, and Siltillo. Meteorite went to the front soon after the start and was never headed, although the field closed up well on entering the straight. The finish was the best of the meeting, as both Homeward Bound and Merryman made a desperate bid for victory in the run home. Long, however, threw away no chance, and he had Meteorite fully extended all the way up the straight. Homeward Bound answered gamely to the call made upon him and came within a nose of winning. Merryman finished two lengths behind Homeward Bound. Santoi was last about twenty lengths away. Time, 2m 10 3-5s. Betting: Winner, 5 to 2 against. Dividend, £1 10s.

Welter.—Cameron, 8st 6lb (Attenborough), 1; Gunlock, 8st 6lb (Trenoweth), 2; Skein Dhu (Harris), 3. Other starters: Asteroid, 10st 10lb; Fighting Mac, 10st 8lb; Display, 10st 5lb; Katoomba, 9st 13lb; Hilltop, 9st 11lb; Yale Lock, 9st 11lb; Westward Ho, 8st 5lb; Deno II., 9st 4lb; Amiral, 9st; Prospector, 8st 11lb; Maser, 8st 8lb; Bombala, 8st 7lb; Eastland, 8st 6lb; The Agitator, 8st; Eagle, 8st. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1m 45 3-5s. Betting: Winner, 3 to 1 against.

Federal Handicap.—Orphan Boy, 10st 4lb (Trewartha), 1; Perplex, 9st 10lb (J. Ivory), 2; Bridegroom, 7st 4lb (Long), 3. Other starters: Street Arab, 9st 6lb; Kinglike, 8st 13lb; President, 7st 12lb; Loch Dee, 7st 10lb; Brown Black, 7st 8lb; Athalstane, 7st 6lb; Novel, 6st 7lb. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 44s. Betting: Evens on the winner. Dividend, 18s.

All-aged Stakes.—Fileness (Woodgate), 1; The Persian (Harris) and Federation (Attenborough) dead heat for second place. Other starters: Sport Royal, Spendthrift, Philosopher, Aqua, and Lady Flo. Won easily by half a length. Time, 1m 29 2-5s. Betting: Winner, 5 to 2 on, others 10 and 20 to 1 against. Dividend, 16s.

LISMORE LICENSED VICTUALLERS' RACE MEETING.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The Lismore Licensed Victuallers' race meeting was held to-day. The weather was fine and cool, but the attendance was small. Results:—

Paspalum Handicap, 6f.—Mr. H. Fletcher's Maxim, 8st 4lb, 1; Mr. H. Campbell's Ian, 7st 8lb, 2; Mr. R. Sloan's Albert, 8st 8lb, 3. Other starters: Master Danton, 8st 9lb; Norma, 8st 7lb. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 19½s.

Trial Handicap, 6f.—Miss Armstrong's Gaiety, by Musselman, 8st 8lb, 1; Mr. F. Gulley's Ping Pong, 8st 2lb, 2; Mr. A. Devlin's Phantasy, 8st 2lb, 3. Other starters: Alvina, 8st 7lb; Tirranyra, 7st 2lb. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 20½s.

Club Cup, 1m 1f.—Mr. C. Gray's Levard, by Launceston—Yateby mare, 8st 10lb, 1; Mr. R. Sloan's Albert, 8st 10lb, 2; Mr. M. Perkins' Master Danton, 8st 5lb, 3. Other starters: Tim, 8st 7lb; Norma, 8st 5lb; Bashan, 7st 9lb. Won by three lengths. Time, 2m 0½s.

Hack Race, 6f.—Mr. G. Fitzock's Muscatel, by Muskateen—Bracenose mare, 9st 5lb, 1; Mr. A. Devlin's Phantasy, 7st 12lb, 2; Mr. F. Gulley's Ping Pong, 7st 13lb, 3. Other starters: Sarto, 9st 2lb; Geobung, 8st 9lb; Alick, 8st 10lb; Black Angel, 8st 7lb; Alvina, 8st 4lb; Kingston, 7st 5lb. A splendid race. Won by two lengths, the next four being all bunched. Time, 1m 20 1-5s.

Old Year Handicap, 6f.—Miss Armstrong's Bashan, by Sirius, 7st 7lb, 1; Mr. M. Perkins's Master Danton, 8st 4lb, 2; Mr. M. Walsh's Tim, 9st 7lb, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 20s.

Substitute Welter Handicap, 6f.—Mr. H. Frederic's Sarto, by Sirius—Norah, 9st 5lb, 1; Mr. E. Howell's Geebung, 9st 10lb, 2; Miss Armstrong's Gaiety, 9st 1lb, 3. Other starters: Paleface, 9st 8lb; Kingston, 8st. Won by two lengths after a good race. Time, 1m 20s.

MACLEAY RIVER JOCKEY CLUB.

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

The weather was fine for the second day of the Macleay Jockey Club races. Results are as under:—

Flying Stakes.—Amphion, 7st 8lb, 1.

Novice Handicap.—Friar's Balsam, 9st 5lb, 1.

Club Handicap.—A. L., 8st 1lb, 1; Butcher Boy, 9st 5lb, 2; Lady Metal, 8st 11lb, 3.

Handicap Hack Race.—Fiaschi, 8st, 1.

Farewell Handicap.—Lady Metal, 8st 12lb, 1.

TARALGA RACES.

The results of the races held at Taralga are as follows:—

Maiden Plate.—Ned Kelly, 1; Jacko, 2.

Flying Handicap.—Exile, 1; Carnage, 2.

Christmas Box Handicap.—Carnage, 1; Exile, 2.

Welter Race.—Ned Kelly, 1; Brockley, 2.

COLLECTOR RACES.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The following are the results of the races held at Collector:—

Maiden Stakes.—Love Not, 1; The Nun, 2; Reform, 3.

Flying Handicap.—Tarago, 1; Avondale, 2; Mystery, 3.

Boxing Day Handicap.—Coal Queen, 1; Miss Barbieu, 2.

Members' Race.—La Rose, 1; Sammy, 2; Miss Juanica, 3.

BRIGHTON RACING CLUB.

The following weights have been issued for the Brighton Racing Club's pony and galloway meeting, which takes place to-day:—

Fourteen-three Handicap, 5f.—Shopwoman, 8st 7lb; Ikey, 8st 4lb; Freedom, 8st; Amazon, 7st 5lb; Royd, 7st 2lb; Despatch, 7st; Tattoo, 7st; The Insider, 7st.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4f. 80yds.—Blue Wing, 9st 7lb; Silver Lady, 9st; Banjo, 8st; Eylana, 7st 10lb; Mascotte, 7st 7lb; Zephyr, 7st 7lb; Lorina, 7st 7lb; The Advent, 7st 7lb; Nella, 7st 1lb; Jenny Sly, 7st 8lb; Little Kurobin, 7st 8lb.

Novice Handicap, 4f 80yds.—Tummy, 9st 12lb; Coelus, 9st 3lb; Yeluaosin, 7st 13lb; Gerty Gulnare, 7st 10lb; Purity, 7st 2lb; Banker, 7st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 5f.—Maid of the Hunter, 8st; Robin, 7st 10lb; Vixen, 7st 6lb; Rivulet, 7st 3lb; Dolly, 7st 3lb; Lola, 7st; Wakeful, 7st; Minnie, 7st.

Brighton Handicap, 5f.—Battler, 9st 3lb; Bismark, 8st 10lb; Shopwoman, 7st 10lb; St. Blair, 7st 10lb; Ikey, 7st 8lb; Coral, 7st 7lb; Napier, 7st 3lb; Amazon, 7st.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

FROM STAWELL BY MOTOR CAR.

Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, of Stawell, Victoria, accompanied by Mr. W. A. Whitehead, editor of the Stawell "Times," arrived in Sydney yesterday, having journeyed from Stawell to Sydney, via Melbourne, a distance of 750 miles, on a 6-horse-power "Covert" motor car. The trip was made in six days, without any mishap, excepting those incidental to pneumatic tyres. The tourists state that the roads on this side of the border were in good order, but between Avenel and Wodonga the long lengths were very bad. The visitors will probably start on their return journey to-morrow, making, when finished, the longest motor car ride yet attempted in Australia.

ARRIVAL OF QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS.

Queensland is well represented in the amateur championship races set down for decision on New Year's Day. Amongst those who have already put in an appearance in Sydney may be mentioned H. Thompson, W. Dowd, D. C. Harris, P. S. Berry (the one and 10 miles champion), R. Laing, W. Brett, and W. Miller. All these riders were on the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday, and of the lot Berry, Thompson, and Dowd were riding in the best form. It is very probable that Berry will repeat his performance in the one and 10 miles championships by adding the five miles also to his credit.

QUEENSLAND SENDS A CHALLENGE.

It is stated that the Brisbane Club has sent a challenge on behalf of Berry, Thompson, and Dowd, to race a trio of Sydney's best amateurs, on condition that the contest takes place at the union's meeting down for decision on January 9. The members of one of the strongest New South Wales clubs have decided to accept the challenge, and it is probable that D. Ellis and Lyon will be two of the three riders selected to represent this State.

CRICKET.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

A cricket match was played to-day between a team from West Maitland and a team representing the Bathurst district. It resulted in a win for Bathurst by 20 runs. Scores:—Maitland, 150 (Freeman 94). Kenna took nine wickets for 42 runs. Bathurst, 170 (Kenna 59, Hurley 30, W. Reed 23 not out). Freeman took eight wickets.

SAILING.

SYDNEY DINGY CLUB.

At last night's meeting of the Sydney Dingy Club (Commodore E. J. Flaherty presiding) a letter was received from the Brisbane Dingy Club stating its inability to send representatives for the proposed interstate races. For next Saturday's races the following entries were received:—14ft handicap: Clio, I'll Try, Wandeen, Rene, Cutty Sark, and Irex. 10ft championship: Arthur, Shamrock, Crescent II., Procella, Crescent I., Venora, Ensign, Pheasant, Ina. It was decided that both races should start and finish at Fort Denison, the 14-footers going round the Lightship and Shark Island, and the 10-footers round the Watson's Bay Pile Light and Shark Island. Prizes were fixed as follows:—14-footers: £4 and Mr. J. M'Donald's trophy, £1, and 10s. 10-footers: £4 and Mr. J. M. Dempster's trophy, also Mr. T. H. Jones' trophy for bailer boy, first; £1 10s, second; and 10s, third. It was announced that the steamer Lady Mary would follow the races. Donations to the club funds were received from Messrs. John Hunter and Son, Ltd., and J. Macintosh.

NEWCASTLE REGATTA.

The local fleet of sailing craft will be well represented at the Newcastle Regatta to-morrow, and a goodly number of prominent sailing men are making the trip north for the day. The sailing portion of the programme comprises two 10-footers handicaps, a 14ft handicap, 18ft. handicap, and a handicap for all boats. The Sydney 10-footers Ensign (A. S. Andrews), Crescent II. (D. Murray), Venora (T. Kiddie), Pheasant (W. Parcell), Shamrock (T. Cones) will meet five of the northern dingies in the first race and four in the second. Arawa (W. Read), Federal (J. Smith), and Qui Vive (C. Dunn) will be the visiting competitors in the 18ft event, there being two other entrants for this race. For the 18ft event the Sydney dingies Irex (W. J. Holmes) and Wandeen (F. E. Shaw) are amongst the entrants, whilst in addition to those two boats and the three visiting 18-footers the nominations for the all boats race include the Sydney boats Desdemona (A. Muston) and Southern Cross (J. J. Macken).

The chief event in the rowing section will be the All-comers' Sculls, for which George Towns (world's champion), A. Towns, C. Towns, C. Messenger, and A. Worboys have entered.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.

Victoria.—Overland, 5.30* and 7 p.m.

*Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m. **

** Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late fee for the northern express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

Macassar, via Newcastle.—Breconshire, 8 a.m.

Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell.—City of Grafton, 3 p.m.

Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides, Solomon, Shortland, and Santa Cruz Islands.—Ysabel, 3 p.m.

Nambucca River.—Baden Powell, 3 p.m.

Samarai and Port Moresby, from Brisbane.—Wodonga, 3.45 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Kyarra, 5.30 p.m.

Adelaide, via Melbourne.—Buninyong, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, noon.

SATURDAY.

Macleay River.—Burrawong, 8 a.m.

Noumea.—Dumbea, 9 a.m.

Hobart.—Oonah, 10 a.m.

Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Warrimoo, 11 a.m.

Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Kumara, 11 a.m.

Brisbane.—Peregrine, 1 p.m.

Richmond River.—Romernie, 2 p.m.

Nelson's Bay.—Hawke, 4 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.

Townsville, Cairns, Thursday Island, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Empire, 8 p.m.

Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 9.30 p.m.

*Western Australia, via Adelaide—Buninyong.—9.30 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.

* Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

PARCEL MAIL.

Parcels addressed to the United Kingdom, Egypt, via the United Kingdom, will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per Orient Company's steamer Ophir, up to 9.30 a.m. on SATURDAY, January 2. Parcels addressed to Germany will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per German steamer Barbarossa up to 11 a.m. on SATURDAY, January 9. Parcels addressed to France will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per M.M. steamer Caledonien up to 12.30 p.m. on MONDAY, January 4. Parcels addressed to Cape Colony will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per Aberdeen steamer Miltiades, up to 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, January 12.

During the removal of the fixtures of an old post-office at Huntingdon, a letter posted five years ago was discovered, which has now been delivered.

A.B.C. TEA, A.B.C. TEA. Lead Packets. All grocers.—Advt.

ARRIVAL OF MAJOR TAYLOR.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

THE CHAMPION IN GOOD FORM.

Major Taylor, the world's champion cyclist, reached Sydney yesterday by the Warrimoo from Auckland, and at noon he was tendered a formal welcome at Bateman's Hotel, arranged by the council of the League of New South Wales Wheelmen. A thoroughly representative gathering met the famous sprinter to welcome him on his second visit to Australia. Among those present were Messrs. Hugh D. M'Intosh (league secretary), Hyam Hains (league treasurer), H. S. Bray (chairman of the council), A. E. Austin (league handicapper), Messrs. Percy Hunter and T. D. Scott (chairman and secretary respectively of the Summer Nights Amusements, Limited), Mr. Allan M'Dougall (secretary of the Eight-hours' Demonstration Committee), Mr. H. S. Cusack (Bennett and Wood, Limited), Mr. G. J. Scott (Massey-Harris Co.), Mr. Alick M'Neil (Austral Cycle Agency), and Messrs. Wade, L. J. Osborne, S. Lough, and about 20 others well known in cycling circles.

Mr. Bray, on behalf of the League of New South Wales Wheelmen, asked those present to charge their glasses and drink to the health of their guest. He said that they were all pleased to see Major Taylor come back to Australia, and were glad to extend a welcome to him, not only as the champion cyclist of the world, but also as one who during his previous visit had done much towards putting their sport on a sounder footing, besides giving an exhibition of riding that our own champions could not equal. He expressed a hope that this would not be the famous sprinter's last visit to our shores.

Mr. Percy Hunter, on behalf of the Summer Nights Amusements, Limited, supported the toast.

In a characteristic reply Major Taylor said they all knew that speechmaking was not his strong point, but he wished he deserved all the kind things said of him. He hoped to have the ability to ride up to his friends' expectations. He had met the crack American riders, and although they were undoubtedly fast riders, yet he had no great fear of meeting them again.

Messrs. Alick M'Neil, H. S. Cusack, Hyam Hains, Allan M'Dougall, and T. D. Scott also spoke and congratulated Major Taylor on his return to Australia. The toasts of "The League Council," "The Cycle Trade," and "The Press" having been honoured, the proceedings terminated.

MAJOR TAYLOR INTERVIEWED.

Our representative called on Major Taylor shortly after his reception by the league, and the champion, who was accompanied by his wife, stated that they were both in the best of health, and did not now feel any bad effects from their long journey. The great sprinter, if anything, is improved in physique since his last visit, his springy, easy walk and upright carriage proclaiming to the most casual observer that he is an athlete of no mean order.

Major Taylor left the steamer at daybreak yesterday, and with Mrs. Taylor drove to the Hotel Metropole, his Sydney headquarters. Talking over his experiences since he left Sydney, Major Taylor informed our representative that he had four months' active racing on the Continent from the day he landed in Paris. On being informed of the great surprise with which the news of his early defeats was received in Australia, the champion, after looking round in his usual diffident way, said modestly: "Well, I stayed longer in Australia than I at first reckoned on. You know I extended my visit to compete in last season's Sydney Thousand. This made me fully a month later leaving here than I intended, and that month I would have spent in training in Paris, and my European manager (M. Breyer) had arranged my tour on that understanding. And then my steamer was a week late, so that when I reached Paris I found I would be called upon to race the next night. When I say that I was called upon to compete against the two best men in Europe—Ellegaard and Meyers—at such short notice you can understand why I was beaten. The next day I was packed off to Copenhagen, and there I had to race Ellegaard again and Vander Born. Of course I was again defeated. Thenceforward I had eight matches, which were nothing but a series of defeats. Under these circumstances my condition did not improve; in fact, it became worse. At last I had to request my manager to cancel all my engagements for two weeks, and this period I spent in regular training on the Paris Buffalo track.

"This," continued Major Taylor, "put me right, and from that time on I never was beaten. All the men who had defeated me were met in turn, and I beat them all, including Ellegaard, whom I defeated twice in two straight heats. I raced him in Paris before and after he won the world's championship at Copenhagen—a race in which I did not compete, as it was run on a Sunday—and defeated him on each occasion. Our meeting after the world's championship was at Antwerp, where I challenged him for the title in a three-heat match. In the first heat I forced him into the lead, and beat him. In the second event I paced him, so that there should be no unfair advantage, and again beat him. Then I met Jacquelin, the French sprinter, in London, where I raced for the first time, and defeated him. I also met and defeated Jenkins, the champion of England, and Picard, the French crack, in a three-cornered match."

After the continental racing season was over Major Taylor went to his home at Worcester, Mass., U.S.A., and rested for a month. Then came the cables from Australia, as the result of which terms were arranged, and he started for Sydney in the Sonoma.

The champion went on to say:—"I was surprised to find a cable awaiting me at Auckland instructing me to race in New Zealand. I was not at all well on arrival, as the passage had been rough. At the same time, I think my condition would have enabled me to give a fair account of myself if the promoters of the Christchurch races had not put me in two mile handicaps with big gaps to pick up. I do not think I could give away such starts in my best condition."

Speaking of the New Zealand racing men Taylor was impressed with Arnst, whom he considers one of the best unpaced riders he ever saw. Arnst won the New Zealand Wheel Race, and was one of the six New Zealand cracks that the champion sprinter considers could be picked to defeat any other six riders in the world in a pursuit race.

Our visitor considers that the sport of cycle racing is still the most popular sport on the Continent, and says, "The grounds are always filled to overflowing when a big race is advertised. The people are very enthusiastic, but are not so generous as the Australians when their own champions are defeated."

Asked as to when he thought he would be in his top form, the champion said, "I hope to get well quickly. Ever since I stepped ashore I have been feeling splendid, and I think that if this warm weather continues I will jump into form. All going well, I ought to be riding better than ever I did in two weeks' time."

Major Taylor was then asked what he thought of his prospects in the big wheel races of this season, including the Summer Wheel Race and the Sydney Thousand. He replied, "It's harder for me to qualify in my heats of your Australian handicaps than to win the finals. Your handicap men are much better than any others in the world, and this means that the scratch man has to break records to win. If I strike form, however, and get a good run, I ought to be amongst them. If I don't win the biggest prize in the world this time, it won't be for want of trying, but really you run your mile handicaps faster than in any other part of the world."

When reminded that he would meet the champions, Lawson and Macfarland, as well as the Australian champions, the Major, with characteristic modesty, said, "I know they are both first-class men, but I have met them often, and will let my record speak for itself. I will do my best, anyhow, and if I get into good condition, I don't think you will be dissatisfied with my efforts."

The champion concluded with a eulogy of the Australian racing men. He said, "Don Walker, Morgan, Farley, Filsell, Megson, and two or three others, if trained properly and thoroughly schooled for the best sprint work, would more than hold their own with the best riders of the Continent, while M'Donald and Gudgeon would shine as pacers." He then repeated his opinion as to the merits of our handicap men, stating that the American and European handicap riders could not compare with them. "I feel sometimes," said Taylor, "as if I would like to have an engine fitted to me to pick up the fields, for as soon as you catch them they start to sprint you."

Major Taylor will ride his first race on New Year's Night, when he will meet all the New South Wales champions, amongst whom may be counted the finest handicap riders in Australia.

A PAWNBROKER'S ADMISSION.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the City Court to-day the hearing was continued of the case in which Moss Aarons, pawnbroker, of Carlton, was charged with breaking into the shop of Melen Meyer, jeweller, of Elizabeth-street, and stealing jewellery valued at £3200. A written statement, signed by accused, was read, in which he admitted having received jewellery knowing it to have been stolen. Accused was committed for trial.

An official record of the achievement of an adult crow in captivity shows that in a single day the bird devoured one-fourth of his weight in minnows. That is much as if a man ate 40lb of cod within 24 hours.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 30.

Barbarossa, G.M.S., 10,915 tons, Captain Mentz, from Bremen and Southampton, via ports. Passengers—Messrs. C. G. Griddell, W. F. Shields, J. C. Paterson, R. Reynolds, Rev. G. H. D. Davies, J. J. Jones, Dr. H. Bullmore, C. L. Hensted, Misses M. E. Decra, M. Yost, Messrs. David Kling, G. Webendorfer, John Muir, Robert Dobbie, Misses A. and B. Dick, Mr. George Hohlfeldt, Miss Ella Barkmann, Mr. and Mrs. F. Searle, Mrs. Eleanor Closby, Miss Margaret Cook, Rev. H. Fellmann and family, Mr. Fritz Behrens, Mr. and Mrs. Gius Riolo, Mr. Jacob Fox, Captain Nils Lundh, Mr. Peter Hohlfeld t, Hr. Walter Hohlfeldt, Miss Marie Helbing, Mr. Richard Buhring, Miss Mary Finut, Mr. John Bjerring, Mrs. Selina Bay and children (2), Messrs. Olaf Hakansson, William Dews, E. Marshall, Gaston Marshall, George Marshall, Albert Barratt, Mrs. Ann Barratt, Messrs. Richard Barratt, Robert Gillibrand, H. Ashton, Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, Mr. W. Greenhill, Mr. John Anders, Mrs. Mary Newels and child, Mrs. Hannah Lewis and child, Mr. Henry F..., Mr. Mo... Harris, Mr. Robert M'Grahn, Miss Clara Gregson, Miss Elizabeth Cooney, Messrs. Philip Thomas and family (2), Henry Higgs, Alfred Headle, Ernest Oskar Nees, William Mulligan, C. Kliaus, Albert Schroder, Matteo Balestrero, Mrs. Marianna Bomfarri, Mrs. Vedra Maria Bartel, Messrs. Joseph Phyfler, Albert Koch, Coletti Ugo di Battista, Raimund Erdmann, Mrs. Zankie Mya Andria, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Alkon, Messrs. Zankie, Paslo, Rosanic, Plane, Piettro and Ant Riolo, Spadafora Mariano, Faroc Matteo di Matto, Hamvie Giovanni, Ivan Giacomo Gior, Ivan Giacomo di Pietro, Aristidas Malanos, Dan A. Malanos, Mrs. F. Sua and children, and a number of passengers from interstate ports. Lohmann and Co., agents.

Warrimoo, s, 3528 tons, Captain R. Neville, from Wellington. Passengers—Misses Allen, Tewsley, Chalmer, Patterson, Clark, Taylor (2), Hay, Bertenshaw, Seager, Emery, Mesdames Gunson, Booth, Chalmer, Hurt, Boag, Pike, Taylor, O'Shure, Messrs. Torrance, Allen (2), Booth, Paxton, Simonds, Maxwell, Millington, Noyes, Raymond, Handcock, Fiver, Taylor (2), Robertson, Henderson, Bluementhall, Davies, Cooke, Slattery, Jardine, O'Shure, Furst, Walkeley, Mackay. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Essen, s, 2909 tons, Captain Paulson, from Nehoue, New Caledonia. Passengers—Captain Petersen and a diver. German Australian S.S. Company, agents.

Wakatipu, s, 1945 tons, Captain Livingstone, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Satara, s, 5156 tons, Captain Goss, from Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Electra, s, 395 tons, Captain C. Beach, from Manning River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Macleay, s, 297 tons, Captain Wood, from Clarence River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s, 1251 tons, Captain M. Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Time, s, 2575 tons, Captain J. Seumes, from Newcastle. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 30.

Loch Ryan, bq, for Falmouth.

Isleworth, s, for Mauritius, via Newcastle and Melbourne.

Wakatipu, s, for Launceston, via Eden.

Warrimoo, s, for Newcastle.

Kanowna, s, for Launceston, via Kembla.

Westralia, s, for Auckland.

Birksgate, s, for Fiji, via Noumea.

H.M.S. Sparrow, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 31.

Ysabel, s, for Lord Howe, Norfolk, Vila (N.H.); Santa Cruz, Solomon, and Shortland islands; Rockton, s, for Melbourne; Bellinger, s, for Camden Haven; Thistle, s, for Cape Hawke; Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company's, Limited, steamer for Newcastle; Erina, s, for Gosford and Brisbane Water; Coomonderry, s, for Moruya and Wagonga; Peterborough, s, for Shellharbour.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 30.

Westralia, s, 2884 tons, Captain J. B. Rainey, for Auckland. Passengers—Mesdames Essain, M. J. Garcia, W. S. Jones, Bridge, M'Cutcheon, Hardy, P. M'Arthur, Parry, Watkin, J. Patterson; Misses Boyd, L. Audison, Ward, Watts, Hoskins, King, Essain; Messrs. Evans, J. C. Buckingham, T. Hyslop, G. S. Armstrong, B. Phillips, L. Knight, C. Dewdney, H. Ridleigh, G. Barry, P. M'Arthur, W. Appleton, A. E. M'Adams, E. H. Reynolds, W. Small, G. E. Thornton, M'Culloch, W. Lawrence, H. Worton, Bailey, A. G. Shaw, J. Schmelitschek, Shaw, H. E. Preston, H. J. Gass, M. M'Nab, W. Tindley, J. C. Shirlow, T. Suters, W. Suters, W. F. Mitchell, A. B. Campbell, J. Lancaster, J. A. Turnbull, J. Mather, Rutledge, Shaw, A. Tannard, A. Kendall, Rutledge, W. Tighe, M. J. Garcia, Haslam, J. Young, Hardy, and 42 in the steerage.

Birksgate, s, 1457 tons, Captain W. R. Fleetwood, for Noumea, Lautoka, Suva, and Levuka. Passengers—Mr. W. Robertson and 2 in the steerage.

Kanowna, s, 1425 tons, Captain D. J. Watson, for Launceston, via Kembla.

Warrimoo, s, 3528 tons, Captain R. Neville, for Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Wakatipu, s, 1945 tons, Captain M. Livingstone, for Launceston, via Eden.

COASTER OUTWARD.—Dec. 30.

Kiama, s, for Kiama.

IMPORTS.—Dec. 30.

Warrimoo, s, from Wellington: 200 cs milk, 78 bls flax, 1982 bgs concentrates, 431 bls straw, 240 sks oats, 67 sks grass seed, 1 horse.

Electra, s, from Manning River: 244 bxs butter, 34 cs eggs, 1 cs fish, 5 cs fruit, 4 hides, 1 bg hides, 2 calves, 20 pigs, 13 cs honey, 39 bgs oysters, 5 bgs wool, 11 coops poultry, 2 bxs poultry, 9000ft hardwood, and sundries.

Custom-house.—Entered outward: Dec. 30, Allinga, s, for Cairns, via ports; Yongala, s, for Fremantle, via ports; Rockton, s, for Melbourne; Satara, s, for Calcutta and Singapore, via Brisbane; Petone, s, for Lyttelton, via Newcastle; Warrimoo, s, for Wellington.

Messrs. Archibald Currie and Co. have received information that the steamer Euryalus, of their Australian and Indian line of steamships, left Java for Australian ports on the 28th instant.

At 7 o'clock this morning the ship Andreta will be removed from Darling Island to an anchorage in the stream.

The barque Queen Margaret will be removed from her anchorage in the stream to Darling Island this morning.

The Union Company's steamer Warrimoo, which left Wellington at 3 p.m. on Saturday last, arrived at Sydney at 5 a.m. yesterday. Smooth seas and light variable winds were experienced throughout. The Warrimoo subsequently left for Newcastle, and will do duty there as the flagship on the occasion of the annual Newcastle regatta.

The ship Thornliebank will this morning be floated out of Woolwich Dock and taken to a berth at Pulpit Point wharf.

Early this morning the steamer Ellerie will be floated out of Mort's Dock.

The steamer Brisbane, which arrived from Kaipara on Tuesday, and anchored in Johnstone's Bay, was yesterday afternoon berthed at the Kauri Timber Company's wharf, where she will discharge her cargo.

Yesterday afternoon the American barque Ancona was removed from her anchorage in Watson's Bay to Woolwich Dock, for repairs, etc. She will be floated in this morning.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. India, from London, arrived at Fremantle at 11 a.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Omrah, from London, arrived at Melbourne at 4.10 a.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Aorangi, from Sydney, bound to Vancouver, arrived at Brisbane at 11 a.m. yesterday.

The F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat, from Marseilles, left Suez at 9 p.m. on Tuesday.

The F.M.S. Nera, from Sydney, left Colombo at 9 a.m. on the 27th ult.

The G.M.S. Zieten, from Bremen, left Colombo for Fremantle on the 26th inst.

VOYAGE OF THE R.M.S. OMRAH.

The Orient Pacific Company's R.M.S. Omrah, from London, bound to Sydney, arrived at Melbourne yesterday. She left Tilbury on November 20 with a large number of passengers. Brilliant weather was experienced to Gibraltar, but after leaving that port it changed for the worse, the climax being reached at Naples, where a living gale blew all day with torrents of rain. This state of affairs lasted until after the Straits of Messina were passed, when fine weather again prevailed, Port Said being duly reached on December 3. At the Egyptian ports between 60 and 70 passengers disembarked. The passage through the Red Sea was very cool and pleasant. A pleasant passage to Fremantle ended early on Christmas Eve. Adelaide reached on December 28. Christmas Day was kept with all possible festivity on board, including a Christmas tree for the children. Captain Symons has the following officers with him:—Mr. M. B. Sayer, R.N.R., first; Mr. E. A. Searer, second; Mr. R. de V. Williams, R.N.R., third; Mr. R. M'D. Sutor, R.N.R., fourth; Mr. G. Grey, R.N.R., chief engineer; Mr. J. Murray, second engineer; Dr. W. F. M'Ewen, surgeon; Mr. Gerald A. Thompson, purser; Mr. S. Boughton, assistant purser.

NEW CHARTERS.

By yesterday's English mail advices were received from London by Messrs. Nelson and Robertson, notifying the following fixtures:—

Olga, Ger. bq, South Australia, U.K., or continent.

Helios, Ger. bq, South Australia to Cape.

Gwrtheyrn Castle, Br. bq, South Australia to Callao.

Cannmore, Br. bq, South Australia to Cape.

Bossuet, Fr. bq, Melbourne to U.K.

Shandon, Br. bq, London to Sydney.

Kylemore, Br. bq, Liverpool to Melbourne.

Cambrian Chieftain, Br. bq, Glasgow to Fremantle.

Northernbay, Br. bq, Hamburg to Australia.

Falstaff, Br. bq, Nitrate Port to Australia.

THE DAMAGE TO THE MOANA.

The R.M.S. Moana, of the Canadian-Australian line, sustained a good deal of damage as a result of striking the rocks near the William Head quarantine station, at Victoria, B.C., on the 25th ult. Two blades of her propeller were broken, the rudderpost was carried away, the steering gear was seriously damaged, and it was found that she was leaking. It is feared that there are further damages. The Moana will be detained for some time in dock, and the R.M.S. Miowera will take her place in the service.

ARRIVAL OF THE BARBAROSSA.

The German mail steamer Barbarossa, from Bremen and Southampton, via ports, arrived at Sydney yesterday afternoon. She sailed from Bremen on Nov. 4, Antwerp on Nov. 5, Southampton Nov. 9, Genoa Nov. 17, Naples Nov. 19, Port Said Nov. 22, Suez Nov. 23, Aden Nov. 28, Colombo Dec. 6, and Fremantle Dec. 17. Calls were also made at Adelaide and Melbourne. Crossing the Atlantic Ocean easterly winds with smooth sea and a moderate north swell ruled; in the Mediterranean a light south-westerly wind and smooth sea; in the Red Sea moderate weather; from Aden to Colombo northerly winds with smooth sea; and from Colombo to Fremantle SW winds with smooth sea. Captain Mentz has with him the following officers:—D. Evans, chief; E. Davies, first; A. Leslie, second; S. Williams, third; W. Longson, fourth; E. Gordon, chief engineer; C. Craster, surgeon; O. E. Benn, purser; E. Shillingham, chief steward.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

THURSDAY ISLAND (2000 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Warrego, s, from Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE (1370 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Wyandra, s, for Cooktown. Dec. 29, R.M.S. Dart, for Sydney.

ROCKHAMPTON (900 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Tinana, s, for Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY (877 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Aramac, s, from Cooktown.

BRISBANE (500 miles)—Arr: Dec 30, Aorangi, R.M.S., and Tainan, s, both from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 30, Tyrian, s, for Sydney.

TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—Passed: Dec. 30, a two-masted steamer at 10.20 a.m., north.

BYRON BAY (345 miles).—Dep: Dec. 29, Dorrigo, s, at 7.45 p.m.

RICHMOND HEADS (304 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Lady Musgrave, s, at 3.15 p.m.; Friendship, s, at 5.50 p.m. Dep: Ramornie, s, at 6.25 a.m. Passed: Tainan, s, at 5.35 a.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS (291 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Kallatina, s, at 2.50 p.m. Passed: A steamer like one of A.U.S.N. Company's at 6.15 p.m., north.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Dorrigo, s, at 11 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: Wodonga, s, at 3.30 p.m. Duroby, s, at 3.40 p.m. both north; Kallatina, s, at 5.30 p.m., south.

BELLINGER HEADS (230 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Wootton, s, at 4 p.m.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Nerong, s, at 3.30 p.m., Baden Powell, s, at 4 p.m., both from Sydney.

TRIAL BAY (209 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Burrawong, s, at 5 a.m. Dep: Burrawong, s, at 7 p.m.

SMOKY CAPE (206 miles).—Passed: Dec. 30, Konowarra, s, at 4 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Rosedale, s, and Hastings, s, both at 2.15 p.m., from Sydney.

TACKING POINT (160 miles).—Passed: Dec. 30, Kyogle, s, at 3.20 p.m., Cavanba, s, at 6 p.m., both north.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (159 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Kincumber, s, at 4.20 a.m.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Pyrmont, s, at 5 a.m., Myee, s, at 5.30 a.m.

CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Tuncurry, s, at 3.15 p.m.

SEAL ROCKS (109 miles).—Passed: Dec. 30, Rockton, s, at 6.20 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS (93 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Lansdowne, ktch, and Taki, ktch, left Nelson's Bay at 1 p.m.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Isabella, schr., Namoi, s, Cavanba, s, Brunner, s, Wallsend, s, Isleworth, s, Warrimoo, s, all from Sydney; Walpara, s, from Dunedin; Ouraka, s, from Wollongong. Dep: Dec. 30, Alice, s, Namoi, s, for Sydney; Macleay, s, for the Macleay River; New Guinea, s, for Melbourne, with 3350 tons coal; Tarcoola, s, for Fremantle, with 3520 tons coal and 40 tons coke; Satara, s, for Calcutta, via Sydney, with 2600 tons coal; Fingal, ship, for Valparaiso; Cavanba, s, for Byron Bay; Louisa Messell, sch, for the north; Barwon, s, for Melbourne; Time, s, for Adelaide, via Sydney; Isabella, sch, for Sydney.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Wallarah, s, at 6.15 p.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY (19½ miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Hawkesbury, s, at 9.30 a.m.; Woy Woy, s, at 10 a.m.; Kiora, ycht, at noon, Valda, ycht, at 3.35 p.m., both from Sydney.

BELLAMBI (41 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Werta, s, at 8 a.m., Herga, s, at 8.40 a.m., both from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Illawarra, s, at 5 a.m., for Kiama; Kurrara, s, at 6.15 p.m., for Sydney; Eden, s, at 6.15 p.m., for Bateman's Bay.

KIAMA (59 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Illawarra, s, at 7 a.m., from Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Coomonderry, s, at 5.30 p.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Moonah, ktch, at 6.30 a.m., Arab, ktch, at 7.15 a.m., both for Sydney. Passed: One of Howard Smith Company's steamers at 8 a.m., Wakatipu, s, at 6.50 p.m., a steamer, red funnel, black top, at 7.30 p.m., a steamer at 7.35 p.m., all south; Peterborough, s, at 6.30 p.m., one of Adelaide Company's steamers at 7.35 p.m., both north.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Peterborough, s, at 9.45 a.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI (175 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Bega, s, at 4.15 p.m., for Sydney.

EDEN (210 miles).—Dep: Dec. 30, Bega, s, at 6.15 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: Dec. 30, Marloo, s, at 9.15 a.m., Glaucus, s, at 4.15 p.m., both north.

GABO ISLAND (238 miles).—Passed: Dec. 30, Arawatta, s, at 7.45 a.m., Buninyong, s, at 3.5 p.m., both west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426 miles).—Outward: Dec. 30, Persic, s, at 4.50 p.m.

WYNYARD.—Dep: Dec. 30, Jane Moorehead, ktch, at 6.30 p.m., for Melbourne.

DEVONPORT.—Arr: Dec. 30, Orion, s, at 4.30 p.m., from Melbourne. Dep: Kakapo, s, at 3.30 p.m., for Sydney.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Changsha, s, from Hongkong; Omrah, R.M.S., and Indralema, s, both from London; Hovding, Norwegian ship, from Fredrikstadt; Cromarty, s, from Ocean Island; Kawatiri, s, from Devonport; Wychwood, bq, from Hamburg. Dep: Dec. 30, Persic, s, and Peregrine, s, both for Sydney; Kyarra, s, for Adelaide; Moorabool, s, for Sydney; Flora, s, for Launceston; Barrier, s, for Newcastle.

BURNIE.—Arr: Dec. 30, Orion, s, from Melbourne. Dep: Dec. 29, Kawatiri, s, at 8.30 p.m., for Melbourne, via Stanley.

EDDYSTONE.—Passed: Dec. 30, a steamer, yellow funnel, at 3.30 p.m., south.

ADELAIDE (1081 miles).—Arr: Dec. 29, Coria, s, from Newcastle; Coolgardie, s, from Western Australia; Hoppet, ship, from Delagoa Bay; Arnus, ship, from Montreal; Catharina, bq, from Delagoa Bay; Heathcraig, s, from Java; Port Victoria, s, from the eastern States. Dec. 30, Dunblane, barque from Mauritius, via Melbourne; Meinwen, bq, from Antwerp. Dep: Dec. 30, Pilbarra, s, for Western Australia; Coolgardie, s, for Melbourne.

FREMANTLE (2460 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Wollowra, s, and Winfield, s, both from the eastern States; India, R.M.S., from London; Bremen, G.M.S., from Adelaide.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1230 miles).—Arr: Dec. 30, Monowai, s, and Karori, s, both from Sydney.

DEBILITY AFTER FEVER.

A REMARKABLE CURE.

THE CASE OF MRS. E. JONES.

(For the "Suburban Times.")

Those who move out of their even course with the object of ameliorating the conditions of certain sections of humanity are deserving of praise for their laudable endeavours, and when ardent enthusiasts prepare the way for the carrying out of their ideas a reporter's presence is always essential in the interests of the public. Thus our special found his way to No. 202 Walker-street, Redfern, where Mrs. Elizabeth Jones was interviewed concerning the following facts:—

"After a severe attack of low fever," said Mrs. Jones, "I was left in a very weak condition. At that time, which is now about 11 years ago, I was living in Pyrmont, and although the weather was intensely hot I used to sit and shiver as though it were midwinter. Sometimes a thrill of heat ran through my body, closely followed by a cold sensation which made me shudder again. For three weeks I could only take a glass of wine and a biscuit, as my appetite had entirely left me, so you can think for yourself how awfully thin I got. My cheek bones were nearly poking through the skin, which had become ghastly white, and my appearance had altered so greatly that all my neighbours said they thought I was going into consumption. They were not the only ones who were alarmed at my condition, as my husband, who had gone by boat to Melbourne, became imbued with the idea that I would not live, and at once returned by train to Sydney to see how I was getting on. My weakness was so great that when I stood up my legs trembled under me, and several times I fell into the fireplace through being suddenly overcome with faintness and exhaustion."

"Perhaps you were not getting proper rest?" hazarded the reporter.

"I did not sleep well by any means, and, moreover, I did not feel any better for the sleep I did get, as I was so languid and drowsy all day that I did not know what to do with myself. The whole of the time I was tormented with a splitting headache, which made my life insufferable, and although I enjoyed cheerful spirits as a rule, I could not bear up against the load of anguish I was enduring, and became very despondent indeed. I had terrible night sweats, too, often having to get up and change my apparel in the dead of night, although I felt so wretched that I did not care what happened. Fearsome thoughts entered my head, and made me so nervous that I did not like being alone and at the least noise my nerves began twitching dreadfully. It was a miserable experience, and one that I shall never forget."

"Were you taking anything to strengthen you?"

"Not for a while, because I used to have a prejudice against medicines; but when matters looked so grave I deemed it prudent to get a few bottles of Clements Tonic, as I had heard so many people speak well of it, and you would hardly credit what a difference it made in me in a short space of time. A complete renewal of vitality ensued from the use of Clements Tonic. And was I not delighted to feel some life in me again? The melancholy drowsiness departed, and left me bright and happy instead. Those who thought I was going into a decline were amazed when they saw the colour come back to my cheeks, which soon began to fill out, for Clements Tonic gave me a splendid appetite, and also made me sleep well at night. The influence of Clements Tonic over my nervous system was wonderful, as my nerves lost their unsteadiness, and I ceased troubling myself with fears of all descriptions. The future was now cheerful to contemplate, as I knew that by using Clements Tonic a while longer I would be well enough to meet all adversities which are met with in life. The awful headaches were quickly banished by the same medicine, and the weakening night sweats were also remedied. The strengthening qualities of Clements Tonic did away with faintness and giddiness, and the aching sensations were also removed from my limbs, so that when my last bottle of Clements Tonic was finished I was as strong and hearty as it is possible to be, and I am glad to be able to make these statements, which you can publish in any way for everybody's benefit."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, ELIZABETH JONES, of 202 Walker-street, Redfern, in the State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios, and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish in any way my statements, which I give voluntarily, without receiving any payment. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

Elizabeth Jones

Subscribed and declared at Redfern, this twelfth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and two, before me,

JOHN LEITCH, J.P.

BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS.

Some imitate our name. Some copy our label. And some plagiarise our advertisements. In fact, we are followed in everything but in the curative properties and therapeutic value of Clements Tonic. It is palpable enough for a dunce to see through, and needs but little comment from us. Every genuine article has to face such practices. A host of base imitations always follows in the wake of every genuine article.—Advt.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

The Stock Exchange continues closed, and prices and shares must be held as unaltered.

On the London Stock Exchange on November 27 Australian bank deposits were quoted as follows:—Australian Joint Stock Bank, A series, buyer 13s, seller 14s—B series, buyer 12s 6d, seller 13s; Commercial Bank of Australia, A series, buyer 18s, seller 19s; Commercial Bank of Australia, pref., £10 fully paid, buyer 80s; ditto, Special Assets Trust Company, Limited, deposit receipt, buyer 12s 9d, seller 13s; English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Terminal Deposits, buyer 18s; Inscribed Stock, pref., buyer 13s; ditto, deferred, buyer 14s 6d; Debentures, 4 per cent., buyer 16s; London Bank of Australia Deposits, buyer 19s, seller 20s; Queensland National Bank Inscribed Stock, buyer 10s, seller 11s.

The trade of Sydney for the week ended December 26 included £260,939 of imports and £245,218 of exports, the figures, of course, being reduced by the holidays. For the full period from January 1 the imports and exports, compared with those for the period to December 29 in the previous year, are as follows:—

	1902.	1903.	
Imports—			
Merchandise	£18,930,268	£17,898,016	Dec. £1,032,252
Gold	2,319,434	2,444,091	Inc. 124,657
	£21,249,702	£20,342,107	Dec. £907,595
Exports—			
Merchandise	£14,976,138	£17,183,278	Inc. £2,207,140
Gold	3,804,177	3,148,571	Dec. 655,606
	£18,780,315	£20,331,849	Inc. 1,551,534

The principal items of the trade of the two periods were as follow:—

Imports.	Total, Jan. 1 to Dec. 26 inclusive.	Total for corresponding period last year.
Apparel and Drapery	£3,089,944	£4,052,324
Beer	161,800	166,460
Boots and Shoes	232,628	275,413
Butter	73,010	145,930
Cement	40,146	41,197
Copra	152,054	209,540
Drugs and Chemicals	469,025	460,512
Earthenware, &c	170,913	211,767
Flour	502,298	77,733
Furniture and Upholstery	227,514	348,534
Galvanised Iron	206,678	253,033
Gold—Coin	101,342	157,331
Uncoined	2,342,749	2,162,203
Hardware	1,324,500	1,276,165
Iron and Steel	140,207	233,274
Jewellery	331,259	313,031
Jute Goods	148,878	172,578
Machinery	620,389	616,587
Meats	193,892	255,598
Oilmen's Stores	1,046,922	739,090
Ores	328,763	104,115
Paints and Oils	436,098	363,804
Produce	1,457,422	1,342,259
Skins and Hides	415,730	226,390
Spirits	313,339	339,630
Stationery and Books	618,652	621,587
Sugar	507,321	725,581
Tallow	39,403	28,702
Tea	325,035	292,294
Timber	417,348	391,713
Tobacco and Cigars	343,116	300,410
Wheat	1,091,626	175,107
Wool	429,126	257,420

Exports.	Total, Jan. 1, to Dec. 26 inclusive.	Total for corresponding period last year.
Apparel and Drapery	£558,951	£440,120
Butter	304,729	147,132
Coal	58,174	38,883
Copper	410,141	275,059
Copra	7,408	8,298
Drugs and Chemicals	227,091	200,027
Flour	188,005	187,209
Galvanised Iron	34,973	43,514
Gold—coin	2,520,341	2,678,932
Gold—uncoined	1,274,128	466,638
Hardware	302,903	359,320
Jute Goods	73,749	67,819
Leather	387,308	473,154
Live Stock	169,834	64,288
Machinery	170,377	225,403
Manures	69,414	72,214
Meats	450,505	514,992
Oilmen's Stores	300,098	268,526
Paints and Oils	206,508	218,133
Produce	295,749	340,757
Silver and Silver Lead Bullion	509,054	429,098
Skins and Hides	636,047	975,108
Stationery and Books	148,344	136,599
Sugar	148,297	143,762
Tallow	150,695	243,172
Tea	107,419	89,504
Tin	259,841	184,904
Tobacco and Cigars	383,632	242,775
Wheat	50,078	452,328
Wool	6,964,914	5,934,979

There was an aggregate reduction in imports of merchandise of £1,032,252, or over 5 per cent., in which most articles of merchandise from the United Kingdom shared, exception being drugs and chemicals, jewellery, machinery, paints, and oils. Of articles imported from other countries, tea, wheat and flour, tobacco and cigars, and timber came in larger quantities; but there was a considerable shrinkage in the value of the imports of produce and butter. Of course, wool and tallow represent mere transit trade, and there was an increase in both; skins and hides being less in amount owing to the termination of the drought. As to the exports, the very large and satisfactory increase of £2,207,140, or over 14 per cent., is shown, the principal contributories being wool, butter, live stock, tin, copper, silver, and silver lead bullion. A feature also is a considerable increase in the exports of apparel and drapery, hardware, jute goods, oilmen's stores, paints and oils, stationery and books, tobacco and cigars, indicating an expansion in interstate trade. The decline in the exports of wheat, of course, is explained by the drought, and its break-up is attested by a diminution in the value of the skin and hides shipped.

At a meeting of the Institute of Actuaries in London on November 30 last a paper was read by Mr. R. M. Moore, actuary to the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution, on the "Comparative Mortality of Assured Lives of Abstainers and Non-abstainers from Alcoholic Beverages," based upon the experience of that institution during the 61 years, 1841-1901. The writer gave an account of the history and practice of the institution, which is the largest and most important life office making a special feature of assuring the lives of abstainers. Separate records of the abstaining and non-abstaining members and of their experience, and of the transfers between those bodies, have been kept with great care. The transfers were very few in number, and were shown to have had no practical influence on the mortality experience of either body. The mortality of the non-abstainers (healthy males only, and all transfers excluded) based upon 456,943 years of life and 8047 deaths, was shown to have followed, with remarkable closeness, the recently published British life offices' experience table known as the Om Table. Compared with the non-abstainers' experience, the abstainers (healthy males only, and all transfers excluded) showed the following results, based upon 398,010 years of life and 5124 deaths:—

Ages.	Years of Life. Abstainers.	Deaths.	Rate of Mortality per cent. per annum. Abst'iners' Experience.	Non-Abstainers' Experience.	Taking O M as 100, Abstainer's Experience was:
— 9	77	1	1.299	—	—
10-14	1,051	2	·190	·345	55·1
15-19	4,491	30	·668	·375	177·
20-24	15,780	73	·463	·481	108·
25-29	32,740	133	·406	·523	77·6
30-34	46,505	190	·408	·642	62·9
35-39	54,067	240	·444	·804	55·2
40-44	55,604	304	·547	1·001	54·6
45-49	51,877	386	·749	1·277	58·7
50-54	44,198	463	1·048	1·693	62·0
55-59	34,974	585	1·673	2·339	71·5
60-64	25,267	648	2·565	3·344	76·7
65-69	16,479	702	4·260	4·800	88·9
70-74	9,325	578	6·199	7·281	85·1
75-79	4,351	505	11·607	10·892	107·
80-84	1,246	205	15·230	16·240	93·8
85-89	322	66	20·497	24·001	85·4
90-94	55	14	25·455	34·788	73·2
95-99	5	—	—	45·276	—
	398,010	5,124	—	—	—

These ratios were fully supported by those deduced under other classes of policies, and also by the female experience. Mr. Moore claimed as the results of his investigation:—Firstly: That the non-abstainers assured in the institution are good average lives, generally equal to the most recent standard of assured life, namely, the Om Table. Secondly: That the abstainers show a marked superiority to the non-abstainers throughout the entire working years of life, for every class of policy, and for both sexes, however tested. Thirdly: That this superiority has not been brought about by the operation of the "transfers" between the two sections. Fourthly. That the financial working of the institution in the allotment of bonuses as between the abstainers' and non-abstainers' sections, has not been influenced by such transfers.

Richardson and Wrench Limited, intimate that the real estate market throughout the year, so far as the city and suburban auctioneers and agencies' report of the work done disclose, has been devoid of tone generally; there has been next to no speculation, and but comparatively few eligible investment properties offering—doubtless the drought depression and forebodings of uncertain Parliamentary work contributed. It is hoped, however, that with a wool clip in satisfactory condition, and a vast quantity of wheat garnered, in addition to other varied produce, a stronger business will result in the new year. A decidedly pleasing feature during 1903 has been far and away more numerous subdivisions of extensive country estates into areas for cultivation, grazing, and dairying uses, and probably a quarter of a million pounds' worth of retail sales have eventuated therefrom.

The city papers have reported by metropolitan agents' efforts total sales of £683,715 (approximately, city £124,475, suburban £466,773, country £92,467), with which the said company was identified to the extent of £266,668; but these figures are not a full gauge of the aggregate realisations, as some firms do not publish advices. Probably £1,100,000 is nearer the grand total passed through the local offices, or a falling off of £50,000 from last year's estimate.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Bank of Australasia, unchanged at 84.
Bank of New South Wales, unchanged at 39½.
Union Bank of Australia, 1 higher at 43.
National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at 4¼.
Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, 98½.
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. prior lien stock, unchanged at 82.
City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 99.
Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, unchanged at 101.
Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at 105.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, 1 lower at 101.
M'Cracken's City Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 62.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

—	Dec. 15, 1903.	Dec. 22, 1903.	Dec. 29, 1903.
	Quarters.	Quarters.	Quarters.
Afloat— For United Kingdom	1,775,000	1,835,000	1,760,000
For Continent	1,110,000	1,065,000	900,000
Total	2,885,000	2,900,000	2,660,000

WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

The Atlantic shipments for the week amount to 179,000 quarters, against 30,000 quarters a week ago, and the Pacific shipments to 25,000 quarters, against 25,000 quarters a week ago.

Dec. 30.

WHEAT.

Eighteen thousand quarters of Victorian wheat for February shipment sold at 29s 3d and 15,000 quarters of New South Wales for January shipment at 29s 7½d per 480lb, c.f.i.

METAL MARKET.

Closing prices are:—
Copper.—Spot 57 and 3-months 56⅝ per ton.
Tin.—Spot 121⅛ and 3-months 122¼ per ton.
Lead.—Soft foreign 11⅛ per ton.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat ruled steady at 2s 10½d ex trucks, there being rather less doing. No further change appears to have taken place in London judging from the private cables received. Flour was also quiet at £8 for local, new, and £11 10s for old. The receipts of wheat by rail today totalled 90,552 bushels, and those of flour 60 tons.

The imports and exports of wheat and flour at the port of Sydney from January 1 to December 26 compare with those for the corresponding period of last year as follows:—

	Wheat. 1902. Bushels.	Wheat. 1903. Bushels.	Flour. 1902. Tons.	Flour. 1903. Tons.
Imports	677,770	4,726,815	8,664	49,633
Exports	1,591,522	272,005	19,908	21,290
Net imports	—	4,454,810	—	28,343
Net exports	913,752	—	11,244	—

Taking the wheat and flour together in terms of bushels of wheat we find that a net importation of 5,871,960 bushels up to date this year compare with a net exportation of 1,475,952 bushels last year.

Messrs. Kaye and Carter writing from Christchurch, under date December 22, state:—"Wheat.—Several of the largest holders met together, and agreed to ship about one-fourth of their stocks, and, as a result, three vessels have been chartered to load for United Kingdom for orders to discharge at one safe port in United Kingdom or Continent, with capacity equalling, say, 46,000 sacks. This movement has steadied prices locally, and the panic has been stopped. There is some very prime wheat about, and the cargoes to be shipped are likely to arrive home in excellent order and condition. Flour.—The 'ins' and the 'outs' are still negotiating, and no immediate settlement of their differences appears probable; the millers have all had a bad year, which does not tend to harmony. Quotations: Wheat, 2s 2d to 3s 4d per bushel; flour, £9 per ton."

IMPORT MARKET.

Business continued to be conducted on slow lines, with little or no alteration in rates. There was a total absence of speculative inquiry.

Tea.—100 chests of medium quality Ceylon and Indian teas were moved off at market rates. The exports of tea from Colombo to Sydney, Melbourne, and all Australian ports up to November 30 this year compare with those of the preceding year as follows:—

	1902. lbs.	1903. lbs.
Sydney	5,977,175	6,904,196
Melbourne	5,989,127	5,700,122
Australasia	17,127,815	17,940,052

Liquors.—Cables advise that Guinness's have raised the price of their stout 10s per hogshead, which means an advance locally of about 3d per dozen. This applies to nearly all the leading brands of imported stout consumed on this market. For some time now stout has been moving off indifferently, due no doubt to the heavy tax imposed on this article under the Federal tariff, which distinctly favours the local brew. It is expected that this latest advance in cost will still further curtail the consumption of the imported article.

Metals.—600 boxes of I.C. Coke Tinplates sold at 14s, and 10 tons of whiting at 7s per ton.

The galvanised iron situation is thus described in the "Ironmonger" dated London, November 21:—"A moderate business is being done in galvanised sheets for export, but there is a great deal of irregularity about the views of makers, and some remarkably low prices are named as having been accepted by works not only on the coast but also by some situated in the Midlands. The fact of the matter appears to be that in the expectation of prices advancing a number of works have refrained from accepting orders, and finding themselves almost on the verge of famine, have been forced to cut in for any business obtainable regardless of price. When they have booked a decent line they steadfastly refuse to increase their commitments at 'gift' prices, and so the position goes on from day to day. Most makers, even those who are generally regarded as being the cheapest in the market, are actually asking higher prices than have been snapped at by Midland works, and the result is that the market is in an exceedingly puzzling condition, one result of which is that many considerable orders are being held back. Merchants knowing that £10 has been accepted in the Midlands can scarcely be blamed if they are not in a hurry to pay about £10 5s to works situated on the coast, but meantime we consider the market value to be in the neighbourhood of about £10 5s for 24-gauge corrugated sheets in bundles f.o.b."

Jute Goods.—Cornsacks ruled dull, with small sales to the country at 5s 6d, and no business doing in the town at 5s 5d. Branbags were steady, and neglected at 3s 7d.

The following is a statement of the exports of woolpacks from Calcutta to Australian ports up to date, and inclusive of the Fortunatus shipment not yet arrived, in comparison with those for the corresponding portion of last year:—

	Adel. bales.	Melb. bales.	Syd. bales.	Total. bales.
To date, 1902	2,733	6,349	15,745	24,820
1903	3,744	6,406	9,025	19,075

The corresponding figures for cornsacks are:—

	Adel. bales.	Melb. bales.	Syd. bales.	Total. bales.
To date, 1902	3,290	8,255	5,897	17,472
1903	20,075*	21,993	15,085	[illegible],181

* Inclusive of 13,578 bales for orders.

The branbag shipments were:—

	Adel. bales.	Melb. bales.	Syd. bales.	Total. bales.
To date, 1902	3,633	6,955	3,855	14,439
1903	2,171	7,353	2,301	11,828

Oils.—No change occurred in this department. The exports of castor oil from Calcutta to Sydney this year inclusive of the Fortunatus shipment yet to arrive totalled 146,550 gallons against 162,138 gallons during the corresponding portion of 1902.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £4695. The principal items were:—Stimulants £1707; narcotics, £113; agricultural products and groceries, £715; apparel and textiles, £433; metals and machinery, £212; oils, paints, and varnishes, £37; earthenware, cement, etc., £36; drugs and chemicals, £67; wood, wicker, and cane, £80; jewellery and fancy goods, £71; leather and rubber, £64; paper and stationery, £69; musical instruments, £31; miscellaneous, £92; pilotage, £16; excise on spirits 17; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £80; excise on beer, 556; license fees, £218.

EXPORT MARKET.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 713 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, and 55 bales came to hand coastwise.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, Nov. 27.

The sixth and last series for the year of the London colonial wool auctions were commenced on the 24th inst.

Three catalogues, comprising a total of 10,215 bales, were issued, of which 6131 bales were New Zealand produce, and consisted mostly of the crossbred type.

There was a good attendance of buyers from home and across Channel, but America was scarcely represented.

Competition was generally animated. Prices, compared with September auctions' closing rates, were, for merino, par to 5 per cent. [illegible] per cent. lower. The [illegible] tion, as is common on a first day, few caring to venture on the unknown. The couple of days following have brought into the [illegible] greater variety of sorts. A fair amount of new clip wools has passed the hammer, fully appreciated by the general eagerness to purchase manifested by home, French, and German consumers. Values are well maintained on the opening basis for all good wools, and especially wools of quality suitable for best clothing trade. Medium quality combing descriptions appear to be operated on with considerable caution. Often the price offered does not come up to owner's expectations and the lot is consequently withdrawn. But to show that there is a disposition to meet each other between buyer and seller many of these are disposed of after the sale.

Scoured Victorian supers have made 28d, and greasies (slightly burry) 14½d; New South Wales scoured combing 22½d, and greasy 11d per lb.

Clean and fine bellies, scoured, made good money, 18d being paid for one parcel. Wasty, faulty wools, as usual, are first to suffer, and some hesitation is felt in operations.

Crossbreds of the finer sorts are in fair demand from both home and Continental buyers, 12½d having been paid for a good clean parcel of the coarser grades. There is a fairly large proportion, and where these are of doubtful colour and waste the price suffers accordingly, and they have to bear the brunt of the opening decline. As usual the home trade are the largest purchasers of this description, although Germany are good supporters of the market for these sorts.

With so short a series and so small a quantity it is hardly likely that values will further give way; but should withdrawals be considerable that might tend to further depression. On the other hand there is nothing in the outer market to warrant much improvement this year.

In manufacturing areas the effect of the London opening on a lower basis has been to accentuate the quietness for the time being. Buyers being alert to catch a falling market make lower offers, but these generally are not entertained, holders of merino sorts backing their belief in a better future for these sorts by refusing to accept lower bids; hence for the moment there is little doing, and a disposition to await the course of events. Terminal markets are quieter, and cloth merchants have more trouble to procure orders or sell goods. Then, still further to depress, the close of the year draws on, with its stock-taking and balancing, in view of which stocks are kept at lowest point. Super 60s are quoted at 23½d; ordinary 60s, 22½d; 40s, 11½d; 36s, 11d; 32s, 10d.

There is no material decrease in the consumption, and employment is very general in the textile woollen industry.

The fall in low crossbreds leads to the belief that merinos are likely to occupy a larger place in the trade in the near future, and those who have held on to their plant through so long and trying a time hope their expectations will not be disappointed. With this object in view every endeavour is made to produce a cheap and taking cloth to oust the present rough material. One thing may be said in favour of fine wool, no crossbreds can produce so dressy an article as can be shown by fine wool.

At foot are some details of leading brands sold and prices obtained since the opening:—

New South Wales.—Springfield over Webb, greasy at 8¼d, greasy 1st lambs 9¼d, greasy 2nd lambs 7¼d; BB over Mena Murtee, greasy combing 7¾d, 7d, greasy broken 6¼d, greasy necks 8d, greasy first pieces 7¼d, 7d, greasy second pieces 5¼d, greasy bellies 6¼d, greasy 1st lambs 5¼d; DPKO over Warrana, scoured 1st combing 1s 7d, 1s 6¼d, scoured pieces 1s 1¼d, 1s 1d, scoured B pieces 10d, scoured locks 9¼d, scoured lambs 10½d; WMcM over Maneroo, scoured hoggets 1s 9d, scoured pieces 1s 6¼d, scoured bellies 1s 4d, scoured locks 1s 2d; Boolcarrol over H.F.&Co., greasy A 10¼d, 10d, greasy B 11, 10d, 9¼d, greasy C 8¼d, greasy broken 9d, 8¼d, greasy pieces 7¼d, greasy bellies 7¼d; BFME over Glenroy, greasy AAA combing 11¼d, 11d, 10¼d, greasy AA combing 11d, 10d, greasy A 10d, 9¼d, greasy broken 10d, 9¼d, greasy pieces 8d, 7¼d, Mein over Narran, scoured 1st combing 1s 10¼d, 1s 9d, scoured 1st clothing 1s 10¼d, 1s 7d, scoured 2nd clothing 1s 5¼d, scoured backs 1s 8¼d, scoured broken 1s 8½d, scoured 1st pieces 1s 7¼d, scoured 2nd pieces 1s 6¼d; Merendah, scoured 1st combing 1s 8d, scoured 2nd combing 1s 6d, scoured 1st clothing 1s 9d, scoured necks 1s 7¼d, scoured broken 1s 6d, scoured pieces 1s 4¼d, scoured bellies 1s 2¼d, scoured locks 11d.

Queensland.—R.S.W., scoured A 1s 6d, 1s 5¼d, scoured B 1s 5¼d, scoured C 1s 6d, scoured 1st pieces 1s 5d, scoured 2nd pieces 1s 2¼d; B in diamond over Esher, scoured AAA combing at 1s 2¼d, scoured AAA combing 1s 7¼d, 1s 7d, 1s 6d, scoured AA 1s 7¼d, 1s 6¼d, 1s 5¼d; scoured super clothing 1s 6¼d, scoured 1st pieces 1s 4¼d; BXM over Huntly, greasy A 8¼d, greasy B 8¼d, greasy C 6¼d, greasy D 6¼d, greasy A pieces 8d, greasy lambs 7d, scoured super combing 1s 7¼d, 1s 6¼d, scoured 1st combing 1s 5¼d; Cambridge over Downs, scoured 1st combing 1s 9d, scoured 2nd combing 1s 8¼d, 1s 8d, scoured C combing 1s 7¼d, 1s 7d, scoured 1st clothing 1s 9¼d, 1s 6¼d, scoured 2nd clothing 1s 7d; CC over Hamilton over Downs, scoured combing 1s 9¼d, scoured 2nd combing 1s 9¼d, scoured clothing 1s 9¼d, scoured 2nd clothing 1s 8d, scoured C 1s 7¼d, scoured pieces 1s 9¼d, scoured 2nd pieces 1s 6¼d, scoured bellies 1s 9d, 1s 8¼d, scoured locks 1s 7d; Milo over E, scoured combing 1s 6d, 1s 5¼d, scoured clothing 1s 5¼d, scoured necks 1s 4¼d, scoured pieces 1s 3¼d, scoured bellies 1s 3d; Rockwood, scoured 1st combing 1s 8¼d, scoured 1st clothing 1s 9d, scoured 1st pieces 1s 8¼d, scoured 1st clothing 1s 7d; Ravensfleece 1s 7¼d, scoured 1st pieces 1s 8¼d, 1s 7d; scoured 1st combing 1s 6¼d, scoured 1st clothing 1s 9d, scoured 2nd clothing 1s 5¼d, scoured necks 1s 7d, 9d, scoured bellies 1s 4¼d, scoured 1st lambs 1s 8¼d, scoured lambs 1s 4d.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Some business is passing in wheat, which is a shade firmer. Sales to-day took place at equivalent to 2s 11d at Port Adelaide. Flour, £7 10s to £7 15s. Bran is worth 8¼d; pollard, 8¼d to 8½d. Both the latter are fairly firm.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat was irregular to-day. Business was done at 2s 11d, ex store, but parcels for forward delivery are quoted at 2s 11½d. New flour, £8. Bran, 6¼d to 6½d, and pollard 8d. Algerian milling oats, 1s 4d; feed, 1s 2d to 1s 3d. Maize active, with sales from 2s 7½d, ex store, to 2s 10d f.o.b. Chaff quiet, at 23s to 50s. Potatoes, 35s to 40s. Onions, 40s to 45s. Cornsacks, 5s 6d. Factory butter dull, at 8d to 9¼d. Eggs irregular, at 9¼d to 11¼d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The steamer Kallatina left at noon for Sydney with 7 bgs oysters, 340 bgs potatoes, 50 bls wool, 50 cs eggs, 20 cs fish, 6 cps poultry, 70 sides, 50 logs pine, 10 pigs, 340 bxs butter, and sundries.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Business throughout all departments of produce trade to-day was very slow in tone, and fluctuating lines tended to move on the downward grade. Maize was firmer owing greatly to the very few stocks available of prime quality free from weevil. Many commodities receded in value, chief among which were eggs, pollard, potatoes, and onions. The immediate causes for these depreciations were the weak inquiries which followed the Christmas vacation and larger supplies, which to move off sellers were forced to grant concessions. The dairy market generally showed signs of weakness, which in some part, of course, is accountable in that a lull naturally occurs after the Christmas trade has finished. But, further, eggs, cheese, and butter are now in great supply, and prices, more especially with regard to the two former commodities, have every appearance of falling considerably. Eggs were much easier to-day, and it will probably be only a short time before cheese declines in turn. Bran and pollard came in for only moderate attention, with the latter on a lower footing, viz, 6½d bushel. It is many years since these lines of mill offal were on such a reduced level, but it is well nigh impossible for lower rates to rule. Chaff of prime quality was plentiful, and sold well at unreduced rates; while Melbourne and Adelaide lots were easier in price. The market is bare of oaten hay, the last consignment of Melbourne making going at £5 ton. Tasmanian and New Zealand straw commanded good attention at sustained rates. Lucerne sold at late rates on the wharf, while the demand at Redfern was very poor, and only one lot sold, bringing £2 5s ton. From the Hunter River districts to-day 276 bales of lucerne were received. Chickwheat received very fair inquiry, prime grain going at from 2s 5½d to 2s 7d, medium 2s 1d, while pinched and smutty lots only brought 1s 6d bushel. The turnover in oats has of late been much improved, and a good business was to-day transacted, principally in the Tasmanian grain, which sold at 2s 3d bushel. The potato market did not long retain its buoyancy, and this morning it ruled lower again, although hardly to its former footing. At Redfern prime Hawkesbury and Hunter River tubers were knocked down at from £2 to £3, with some at as low as £1 10s. On the Hunter River wharf prices declined in sympathy to from £1 10s to £2 10s. No Clarence River varieties are yet to hand. Onions were also easier, the top price for Wellington bulbs being £3 7s, while some went at from £2 5s ton. Hunter River specimens sold on the wharf at 1s 6d bag. Honey was plentiful, and although no quotable change transpired the market was easier. The only turnips on the market were some from the northern rivers, which, however, proved almost unsaleable.

The maize market to-day was in a very unsettled condition, and although it became firmer to-day appearances point to it becoming still firmer. Very little of the local river maize is free from weevil, and the bulk of the grain realises only from 2s 10d to 2s 11d per bushel. Holders of the local prime maize transacted business at 3s, but some few held out for higher prices. The sellers of the Victorian grain, however, forced that market up, and were holding out stoutly for 3s 3d bushel. Further advances are likely to take place from the beginning of the year.

Wholesale quotations were:—

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, best 9d, flitches 8¼d to 8½d, middles 10¼d to 11d; York Castle, mild-cured sides 9d to 9½d, middles 11d; Bodalla, sides 8d, middles 10¼d, flitches 9d; Federal, sides 9d; Hicks', sides 9¼d, flitches 8¼d; Daisy brand, 9¼d; "B" in circle, sides 9¼d, flitches 9¼d, middles 11d; Pineapple, flitches 8d, middles 10d. Hams: Local hams, in cloth, 11¼d to 1s, small weights 1s 1d; "B" in circle, 1s 1d; New Zealand, 1s; Pineapple, 1s 1¼d; York Castle, 1s 1d; Daisy, 1s 1¼d; Bodalla, 1s; New Zealand, 1s to 1s 1d lb.

Cheese.—Very dull. Local choice loaf 4¼d to 5d, good 3¼d to 4d, prime large 4d to 5d, new and soft from 3¼d. Kameruka Cheddar 7¼d, Bodalla 8d lb.

Butter.—Steady. Pasteurised 8¼d, prime 8d to 8¼d, good to 7¼d, inferior to 6¼d lb.

Eggs.—Northern eggs 11d to 1s, South 1s, odd lots to 1s 1d, new-laid hens' 1s 2d to 1s 3d, ducks' 1s 3d doz.

POULTRY.

Poultry.—River: Fowls 3s 6d to 3s 9d, hens 3s 6d to 4s, young roosters 4s to 4s 6d, choice heavy 5s 9d; English river ducks 4s to 4s 6d, good 5s; Muscovy ducks, river 4s to 4s 6d, drakes, small from 3s 6d; geese, 7s to 10s; turkeys, gobblers 9s to 11s, good to 15s, choice to 22s 6d, hens 7s 6d to 9s; guinea fowls, 4s to 6s.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Red bran was quoted at 5d, and white 5½d; red pollard 6d, and white 6½d.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Quick Sale. Local: Extra choice £3 12s 6d, prime £3 2s 6d to £3 10s, medium £2 15s to £3. Melbourne: Prime £2 15s to £3. Adelaide: £3 to £3 5s.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Hydraulic-pressed, £5. Local: Redfern, nominal.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmania, £2 15s. New Zealand, £2 15s. Local, nominal.

Lucerne.—Slow sale. Wharf: Best available, large bales £2 10s, good £2 5s, inferior from £1. Redfern: Good in large bales £2 5s ton.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Scarce. English and Cape, feed 2s to 2s 3d, seed 2s 4d to 3s.

Maize.—Market unsettled. Local: Yellow, prime 3s, some holders ask more; lower grade 2s 10d to 2s 11d, Melbourne 3s 3d. Argentine: Prime cleaned 2s 9d, ordinary 2s 6d, medium 2s 3d to 2s 5d bus.

Peas.—Grey, 4s to 4s 3d; blue, 5s 9d to 6s bus.

Chickwheat.—Inferior and pinched 1s 6d, medium 2s 1d, and full grain 2s 5½d to 2s 7d bus.

Oats.—Scarce and firm. Tasmanian: Prime feed 2s 3d. New Zealand: Heavy 2s to 2s 3d, inferior from 1s 6d bushel. Local: Algerian, nominal.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local: New Clarence River, prime nominal. Hunter River Wharf, £1 10s to £2. Redfern: Prime £2 10s to £3, medium £1 10s to £2 7s 6d ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Local: Prime £2 5s to £3 10s. Hunter River: 1s 6d bag. Melbourne: Globes, new £3 to £3 10s ton.

Honey.—Choice 2¼d to 3d, good 2¼d, inferior 2d to 2¼d for tins containing 60lb.

Turnips.—Scarce, but unsaleable.

Beeswax.—Choice, clear 1s 1d, other sorts 1s lb.

Lard.—Bulk 3d to 4d, bladders 4¼d to 5d.

WOOD MARKET.

Wood.—Best footwood 12s to 13s, medium 10s to 11s 6d, rough 6s 9d to 8s 9d; bakers' splits 10s to 11s; sticks 10s ton.

REDFERN SALES.

The volume of produce forward for auction sale at the Redfern markets to-day was of similar proportions to that of yesterday. The attendance of buyers was very fair, and they competed freely for nearly every line. Slight fluctuations took place in the price of every commodity. The chaff was of much better quality, and sold with keen inquiry at rates practically on yesterday's basis. One lot of extra choice cut, however, went at 3s 7d. Prime wheaten sorts sold at from 3s 2d to 3s 6d, and medium at from 2s 9d to 3s cwt, while there were no inferior lots to hand. Out of three truckloads of lucerne only a single truck sold, bringing 2s 2d cwt. The demand for this line was very weak. A very pretty consignment of wheaten hay put up in small bales was offered, and brought 2s 10d cwt. Wheat was well represented, and sold freely at late rates. Good chickwheat brought from 2s 5½d to 2s 7d, medium 2s 1d, and inferior and pinched grain 1s 6d bushel. Potatoes were in heavier supply, 370 bags being under offer, chiefly from the Hawkesbury and Hunter River districts. Prices, however, failed to reach the late standard, owing to the weaker inquiry and larger quantities being on the market. For good tubers prices ranged from 3s 7d to 3s 1d cwt. Onions, also, were better supplied, and the market was about 5s ton easier. Two hundred and thirty bags went at from 3s 8d to 3s 6d, while 11 bags of small bulbs realised 4s cwt.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Ellis and Co., Cameron and M'Fadyen, P. J. Moy and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., J. Bridge and Co., J. W. Gray and Co., Dalgety and Co., Heston Brothers, J. Bertram and Co., R. Little and Co., Dent and Perry, H. Prescott and Co., R. Hall and Son, and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Association.

The produce forward consisted of 40 trucks in the following proportions:—Chaff 19 trucks, lucerne 3, wheaten hay 1, wheat 7, potatoes 7, and onions 3.

Supplies were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Christian Brothers, Raglan, (3506) passed, (9850) passed; C. Clifton, Kelso, (3714) 3s 9d, (11121) passed; J. A. Eade, Webb's Siding, (9263) 3s 6d; C. Gibson, Trangie, (11457) 3s 6d, (11147) 3s 6d; P. Gibson, (11048) passed; M'Pherson, Coolamon, (5225) 3s 2d; G. Crocker, (7159) 2s 11d, (3487) 2s 11d; P. Kelly, Gunnain, (3614) 3s 7d, (4557) passed, (3915) 3s 6d; T. Watson, (3779) passed; A. E. Cantrill, Borenore, (6351) 3s, (1067) 3s, (3753) passed; M. Maher, Trangie, (3840) 3s 5d cwt.

Lucerne.—From J. Ellis, West Maitland, (7969) passed; M'Kenzie, (2080) 2s 2d cwt; Daley, Windsor, (9182) passed.

Wheaten Hay.—From M'Phee, Mudgee, (7079) 2s 10d cwt.

Wheat.—From Darling Harbour, (3896) 2s 5½d, (11847) 2s 6¼d, (9637) 2s 1d, (6190) 2s 7d, (4863) passed; J. Moore and Sons, Manilla, (6215) 1s 6d bushel.

Potatoes.—From Singleton, (335) 12 bags branded E passed, 15 bags D passed, 15 bags C passed, 13 bags B passed, 15 bags A passed; Mulgrave, (583) 11 bags D 3s 7d, 9 bags AFB 3s 3d; Windsor, (220) 40 bags JT 3s 1d, 20 bags no brand 3s 6d; Liverpool, (2635) 13 bags TK over L 1s 7d; Morpeth, (7794) from Roberts 71 bags passed, (11563) 71 bags passed; Singleton, (5046) 15 bags S 2s 4d, 15 bags O 2s 3d, 15 bags P 2s 3d, 15 bags B 2s 3d, 15 bags X over L 1s 10d cwt.

Onions.—From Wellington, (6235) 66 bags Breeze 2s 6d, 11 bags small bulbs 4s; Apsley, (113) 40 bags red part 3s, 23 bags white 2s 3d, (4401) 73 bags Ferguson part 3s 6d cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

At the Bathurst-street Fruit Markets to-day business proceeded on the slow basis of yesterday, and with the exception of declines in apples and plums prices ruled about the same. Stocks of all seasonable fruits were ample for all requirements.

Current quotations were:—

Pineapples.—Choice 6s to 7s, common 5s 6d to 6s; Queens, 6s 6d to 7s 6d case.

Apricots.—Local: Ripe, choice 2s 6d to 3s, good 1s 6d to 2s half-case, choice 4s to 7s, good 3s to 3s 6d gin-case.

Cocoanuts.—7s 6d bag.

Apples.—Local: 2s 6d to 5s; Carringtons, coloured extra choice 8s, good 5s to 6s, small 2s 6d to 3s 6d, jam lots 2s gin-case; cooking apples, 2s to 6s gin-case.

Strawberries.—Local: Small 1s to 1s 6d, prime 2s 6d to 3s per four-quart box.

Melons.—Rock, 5s to 6s case; water 6s to 8s, large to 9s doz.

Lemons.—Local: Choice 4s 6d to 5s 6d, good 3s to 4s, large and rough 1s 6d to 2s, extra choice 5s to 6s 6d, Italian 9s to 10s. American: 8s 6d to 9s case of 180.

Tomatoes.—Local, 2s to 5s; Queensland, prime 2s 6d, rough 1s 6d to 2s per quarter-case.

Bananas.—Queensland, 2s 6d to 3s 6d bunch, 7s to 8s case; Fiji, 2s 6d to 4s, extra choice 5s 6d to 6s bunch, 9s to 10s case.

Oranges.—Navels: Americans, 10s to 12s case; local, very choice £1 case.

Plums.—Local: Angelinas, choice 3s to 4s; Black Bully, small 2s to 3s, choice Lutherberries, 4s to 5s gin-case; Japanese, good 1s 6d to 2s 6d, choice 3s half-case.

Gooseberries.—Tasmanian: 1s 6d to 2s. Local: Small 2s 6d to 3s 6d. Melbourne: 3s per quarter-case.

Nectarines.—Local: Choice 5s, good 3s to 4s, small 1s 6d to 2s half case.

Cherries.—Local: Choice 4s, good 2s 6d to 3s, small 1s 3d to 1s 6d per quarter-case; in 12lb boxes 3s to 4s.

Currants.—Red and Black: Tasmanian, in punnets, 4s to 5s doz, 4s quarter-case.

Peaches.—Local: Devlin's Reds, choice 3s to 4s gin-case, 2s 6d to 3s 6d half-case, good 1s 6d to 2s, inferior from 1s half-case.

Passionfruit.—Queensland, 2s 6d to 3s 6d quarter-case, 5s to 6s 6d packers.

VEGETABLE MARKETS.

The amount of business transacted at the Belmore Vegetable Markets to-day was not of great volume, and stocks were capable of satisfying all demands. Movements in quotations were numerous, and all had an upward trend.

Quotations: Cabbages, best 3s to 3s 6d, small 1s; red cabbages, 2s 6d to 3s; carrots, 1s; turnips, 1s; parsnips, 1s; rhubarb, 1s 6d; spinach, 4d to 6d; parsley, 9d; beetroot, 8d; mint, 8d; watercress, 1s 6d to 2s; celery, 2s; lettuce, 6d; radishes, 4d to 6d; herbs, 6d per doz. bunches; peas, 3s 6d to 4s; Tasmanian 1s 9d to 2s; broad beans, 9d to 1s; French beans, 6d to 9d bus; turnips, 8d to 10d doz bunches; chillies, 4s bag; pumpkins 6d to 8s; preserving melons, 1s 6d to 2s doz; tomatoes, 2s quarter-case; cucumbers, 8d single case; vegetable marrows, 1s 6d; kidney potatoes, new garden, 4s cwt; Early Rose, 2s 9d cwt; eschalots, 10d; leeks, 1s to 1s 3d doz bunches.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Wednesday.

SHEEP.

About 16,606 sheep and lambs were penned at to-day's sales, from 57 consignors. The sheep mainly comprised good, useful merino wethers, and there was a very fair representation of prime and extra prime. A sprinkling of medium and light was also in evidence. Only odd pens of crossbreds were forward, also occasional pens of merino ewes. There was the usual attendance of buyers, and, as the supply was ample for the demand, the market opened to fair competition at the values ruling on last sale day, Monday, December 21. As the sales progressed there was an occasional dragging on the lower qualities. Quotations:—Prime merino w 16s 6d to 17s 6d, extra prime 18s to 19s 6d, good merino w 15s to 15s 6d, medium merino w 12s to 13s 6d, a few inferior at 10s 6d; prime xb w 17s 6d to 18s 6d; good xb w 15s 6d to 16s 6d, medium xb w 13s to 14s; prime merino e 14s to 15s, extra prime 15s to 17s 6d, good merino e 12s to 13s, medium merino e 10s to 11s; prime xb e 15s 6d to 16s 6d, extra prime to 17s 9d, good xb e 14s to 14s 6d, medium xb e 12s to 13s. Total number of sheep and lambs sold during December, 100,781; and grand total for the year, 1,785,662. Sales:—

New Zealand Loan and M. A. Company, Ltd.—Manchee Brothers, Binneguy, 400 w 15s 2d to 16s 6d; J. B. Peacock, Gular, 13 w 17s 6d, 4 comebacks 17s 7d.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. F. Jaques, Boggabri, 20 w 16s 10d, 167 16s 9d, 53 16s 3d, 40 16s 2d; F. A. Roberts, Tarago, 20 w 15s 1d, 35 15s, 98 14s 3d; W. Sweeny, Tarago, 31 e 10s 6d, 14 w 10s 6d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—F. W. Bacon, Brewarrina, 419 w 14s 4d to 14s 8d, 80 15s 9d to 16s, 101 12s 3d to 13s 4d; Western agents, Brewarrina, 374 w 15s 1d, 60 16s 5d, 66 13s 10d to 15s 11d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—J. Hussey, Warialda, 281 w 15s 8d, 100 16s 6d to 16s 8d; G. H. J. Sutherland, Bathurst, 452 w 15s to 15s 1d, 137 16s 3d, 56 14s to 14s 1d; H. O. Roberts, Tarago, 25 xb w 14s, 15 (mixed) 12s 10d; W. R. Holcombe, Merah North, 80 w 18s 5d, 13 10s 4d, 200 17s 4d; Northern agents, 45 w 16s 6d, 132 15s 11d, 22 15s 1d; G. Thompson, Stockinbingal, 56 w 16s 6d, 155 17s 9d to 17s 10d, 55 16s 11d; J. Southwell, Queanbeyan, 40 w 16s 4d, 64 e 10s 6d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—J. Farrell, Coonamble, 35 w 15s 11d, 50 17s 6d; estate D. Welch, Coonamble, 20 w 15s 8d; J. Whitehead, Coonamble, 8 e 17s 9d, 16 15s 4d; D. Flannery, Cowra, 84 w 17s 4d to 17s 6d, 186 16s 7d, 20 15s 3d; P. Craven, Trangie, 265 w 15s 5d, 24 14s 6d; W. Webb, Mudgee, 74 w 15s to 15s 1d, 26 14s; W. H. Moore, Warialda, 72 w 15s 3d, 23 14s 1d; W. Scott, Cowra, 341 w 15s, 56 14s 2d; R. E. L. Finlay, Goulburn, 660 w 14s 2d, 270 13s 7d, 54 13s 1d, 31 12s 4d. J. Gillett, jun., Coonamble 6 e 15s.

Weaver and Perry.—S. Beveridge, Muswellbrook, 60 xb e 17s 5d to 17s 9d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—J. Lenord, Breeza, 28 xb e 18s, 2 e 14s, 91 w 15s 11d, 27 w 15s, 40 e 16s; W. P. Jones, Tomanbil, 158 w 17s 5d, 20 w 15s 10d, 21 w 15s 6d; Bugilbone station, Bugilbone, 295 w 17s 3d, 141 w 15s 5d; H. C. Kelly, Boggabri, 356 w 16s 8d, 542 w 15s 7d, 85 w 14s 6d; J. Lehane, Tarago, 20 cbk w 15s 9d, 40 w 15s 7d, 25 w 15s 6d, 122 w 15s 4d; H. Dunn, Merrilla, 6 xb e 15s 4d; J. H. Stewart, Bathurst, 101 w 13s 8d; Trustees G. Campbell, Duntroon, 25 w 15s, 127 w 14s 10d, 77 w 14s 2d.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Limited.—Executors P. H. Osborne, Currandooley, 104 xb w 18s 1d to 18s 4d, 215 comeback w 16s 11d to 17s 3d, 70 xb w 16s 11d, 8 15s 1d; Corowra Peak station, Byrock, 292 w 15s 9d, 12 stags 14s 10d, 70 w 13s 10d; Stanton and Mules, Young, 501 w 15s 5d, 77 14s 1d.

Malden Brothers.—F. R. C. Hopkins, Carcoar, 20 Romney w 18s 1d, 95 Romney e 16s 9d, 46 14s, 26 xb e 16s, 9 xb w 15s 4d, 38 w 15s, 4 stags 13s; D. Cameron, Wagga, 35 xb hoggets 18s, 11 16s 2d; W. Bassett, Coonamble, 42 w 17s 6d, 11 17s; P. O'Connor, Grong Grong, 267 w 16s 5d to 16s 5d, 190 15s 3d to 15s 8d, 82 13s 11d; J. J. Garry, Young, 117 w 15s 9d to 15s 11d, 130 14s 11d to 15s 2d, 21 14s 2d; D. M'Kinnon, Yass, 83 w 15s 1d, 17 14s 8d; J. C. Henderson, Marulan, 5 e 13s 11d, 5 xb e 15s 11d, 4 w 13s 11d; S. Ewen, Blayney, 6 w and e 14s to 15s; Western agents, Blayney, 115 e 13s 8d to 14s, 31 12s 4d; Southern agents, Gundagai, 137 w 14s, 181 12s 9d to 12s 10d.

Jos. Leeds and Co.—W. F. Buchanan, Narrabri, 25 w 19s 6d, 66 18s, 114 17s 4d to 17s 6d, 74 16s 5d; R. Speck, Forbes, 12 xb w 18s 1d, 61 w 16s 6d, 146 15s 2d, 54 14s, 4 rams 15s; W. F. Buchanan, Killarney, 69 w 17s 10d, 119 17s 4d to 17s 6d, 85 17s 2d; E. and A. Bowman, Lue, 214 w 16s 6d, 479 15s 10d to 16s 1d, 14 stags 15s 9d, 59 w 14s 10d.

T. Sullivan and Son.—Trustees Johnston estate, Yass, Junction, 825 w 14s 10d, 162 14s 6d, 8 xb w 16s 9d, 9 xb e 16s.

LAMBS.

A moderate supply of lambs was penned; all qualities were forward, including a fair proportion of prime; competition was active, and values were equal to late rates. Prime lambs 14s to 15s, extra prime lambs 15s 6d to 16s 6d, good lambs 12s to 13s, medium lambs 10s to 11s, young and light lambs 8s to 9s 6d.

New Zealand Loan and M. A. Company, Ltd.—J. B. Peacock, 36 l 14s 10d to 15s 5d, 79 13s 8d, 41 13s 7d to 13s 8d.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. F. Jaques, 5 ram l 16s 2d; W. Sweeny, 29 l 8s 1d; Northern agents, Moree, 19 12s 11d, 67 12s 9d, 41 10s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—H. O. Roberts, 45 xb 11s 1d, 26 9s 10d; J. Donohoe, 25 l 12s 8d, 25 13s 9d, 25 11s 6d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—J. A. Gilligan, 8 14s to 15s, 19 12s 9d, 19 12s 2d; Estate late D. Welsh, 24 11s 8d, 5 9s 7d; J. Whitehead, 17 11s 4d, 8 9s 6d; — Farrell, 78 13s 4d to 13s 5d, 34 11s 8d to 11s 10d; M. Gilligan, 45 12s 8d, 10 10s 9d; J. Gillet, jun., 37 11s 6d, 57 10s 3d.

Weaver and Perry.—Southern agents, 35 12s 11d, 78 10s 5d; S. Beveridge, 18 11s 10d, 93 9s 5d, 62 7s 1d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—F. A. Parbury, 60 16s 2d, 34 14s 7d to 14s 10d; R. O'Reilly, 9 14s 11d, 91 12s 6d; James Lenord, 7 14s 7d; J. H. Stewart, 4 xbred hoggets 13s 7d; Henry Dunn, 32 14s 3d to 14s 7d, 44 13s 8d, 30 12s 10d.

Malden Brothers.—D. Cameron, 36 16s 3d to 16s 9d, 17 15s 6d; W. Bassett, 4 15s, 19 14s, 10 12s 2d, 18 (shorn) 11s 10d to 12s; F. R. C. Hopkins, 25 (shorn) 12s 8d, 37 12s 1d; J. C. Henderson, 8 13s, 58 (shorn) 12s, 26 10s 6d to 10s 7d; P. O'Connor, 47 (shorn) 11s 7d to 11s 10d; S. Ewin, 34 hoggets (shorn) 11s 6d, 35 (shorn) 10s 1d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—J. Dalton, 20 12s 5d, 58 (shorn) 12s to 12s 6d, 100 11s 8d to 11s 9d, 44 10s 10d to 11s 1d; R. Speck, 6 8s 11d.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 2045 cattle were yarded, from 40 consignors. About 600 head were from the North and North-west, 320 from Queensland, 86 from the West, and the balance from the South. The yardings comprised all qualities, and were principally of good, useful, medium weight and light weight bullocks. There was a good representation of prime medium weight, and a sprinkling of prime and heavy bullocks. About 50 cows and heifers were forward, mainly of good quality. There was a large attendance of buyers, and as the supply seemed well within the demand the market opened to brisk competition at a rise of about 10s per head for prime on last Monday week's rates, but the improvement did not hold to the close. Quotations: Yards of prime bullocks, £9 10s to £10; yards of prime and heavy bullocks, £9 10s to £10; yards of prime and heavy bullocks £10 10s to £12 10s; yards of good bullocks, £8 to £8 10s; yards of medium bullocks, £7 to £7 10s; yards of prime cows, £7 to £7 10s; yards of extra prime cows, £8 to £8 10s; odd choice beasts to £9; yards of good cows, £6 to £6 10s; yards of medium cows and heifers, £5 to £5 10s; best beef ranging from 23s to 25s per 100lb. Total number of cattle sold during December 7915 head, and 95,510 head for the 12 months ending December 30.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—S. Kidman, Queensland, 900 bullocks to £10 15s, avg £9 8s 6d; Cluny station, Queensland, 8 bullocks at £11 6s; W. J. [illegible], Cassilis, by road, 82 bullocks to £12 10s, avg £10 5s 8d; J. K. Mackay, Farley, 27 bullocks to £10 1s, avg £9 12s 2d; A. R. and F. Bowman, Scone, 21 bullocks to £11 7s 6d, avg £10 1s 11d; M. Dowling, Farley, 5 bullocks at £9 8s; H. Smith, Mullengandra, 9 cows at £7 1s, 1 steer at £4 12s; C. W. Bowyer-Smith, Exeter, 12 bullocks at £6 8s; J. K. and W. H. Mackay, Curlewis, 9 bullocks to £11 17s 6d, avg £10 10s 6d; Hall Brothers, Aberdeen, 10 bullocks to £10 1s, avg £9 1s 2d; G. M. Finlay, Scone, 9 bullocks at £9 8s, 1 cow at £9 1s.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Co., Ltd.—J. K. Fleming, Aberdeen, 12 bullocks to £8 11s, avg £7 10s 10d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—W. Proctor, Teridgerie, 5 bullocks to £12 10s, avg £12 1s, 5 cows to £8 5s, avg £8 3s 5d, 7 steers to £9, avg £7 12s 1d, 1 heifer at £6 8s; Bergin Brothers, Grassmere, 21 bullocks to £12 10s, avg £11 6s 10d, 6 cows to £8, avg £7 10s, 2 steers at £7, 1 heifer at £6 9s; W. Onus, Gravesend, 2 bullocks at £10 4s, 20 steers to £9 10s, avg £9 2s 6d; Thos. Fitzpatrick, Queensland, 75 bullocks to £11 5s, avg £9 17s 3d; Thos. Fitzpatrick, jun., Queensland, 1 bullock at £11 11s; W. H. Young, Coonamble, 9 bullocks to £10 7s, avg £9 14s 8d, 1 cow at £7 15s; executors V. J. Dowling, Lue, 20 bullocks to £10 8s, avg £9 13s; John Taylor, jun., Glenalvon, 9 bullocks to £11 2s, avg £9 11s 9d, 1 cow at £5 7s; Bugilbone station, Bugilbone, 100 bullocks to £9 10s, avg £9 6s 3d; Thos. Fitzpatrick, Charlton, 14 bullocks to £10 6s, avg £8 18s 10s, 2 bulls to £7 14s, avg £7 6s 6d; Jas. Lenord, Breeza, 30 bullocks to £9, avg £8 5s 11d; W. White, Cootamundra, 11 bullocks and steers to £9 3s, avg £7 16s 3d; Southern agents, 33 bullocks and steers to £8 1s, avg £7 13s 1d; Northern agents, 10 bullocks at £9 2s.

William Inglis and Son.—B. Bouffier, Farley, 24 bullocks, £8 5s to £9 15s, avg £8 19s 7d; Moxham Bros., 25 bullocks, £6 17s to £8 9s, avg £8; 5 cows at £8 4s; local owner, 2 cows at £5 15s.

Weaver and Perry.—R. D. Porter, Quirindi, 6 bullocks to £11 6s, avg £10 4s 6d, 1 cow £8 8s; Withycombe and Stacy, Muswellbrook, 11 bullocks £10 3s; S. Beveridge, Trangie, 26 bullocks to £11 12s 6d, avg £9 18s 8d, 3 stags to £10 17s, avg £9 15s 8d, 1 bull £10; R. R. White, Muswellbrook, 20 bullocks to £10 15s, avg £9 12s 4d; J. H. Porter, Quirindi, 35 bullocks to £9 7s, avg £8 13s 8d; C. J. Withycombe and Co., Muswellbrook, 11 cows to £8 13s, avg £8 3s 5d; J. S. O'Donnell, Farley, 11 bullocks to £8 10s, avg £8 2s 3d; A. E. Moore, Rylstone, 1 bullock £8 13s; W. Moore, Rylstone, 26 bullocks to £8 16s, avg £7 18s 6d; J. R. Dixon, Farley, 12 bullocks to £8 12s, avg £7 18s 3d; A. W. and F. A. Alford, Singleton, 11 bullocks to £8 11s, avg £7 17s, 1 cow £2 16s; local owner, 1 cow £2 10s; W. M. Waddell, Singleton, 18 bullocks to £3 11s, avg £7 5s 1d, 7 cows at £5 15s.

THE CITY YARDS.

J. C. Young and Co. sold 32 calves to £4 12s 6d, and pigs from Northern rivers to £2 4s 6d.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Hides.—Excellent competition prevailed throughout the sales, and the market was very firm for all descriptions. Small supplies were forward. Quotations.—Queensland butchers' hides: Heavy weights (60lb and up), 6d and up per lb; medium weights (15lb to 54lb), good condition 5¼d to 5½d, ordinary 4¼d to 5¼d; light weights (36lb to 42lb), good condition 4¼d to 5d, ordinary 4¼d to 4¼d; dry hides, best 5¼d to 6¼d, ordinary 5¼d to 5¼d, damaged 3¼d to 4¼d. New South Wales butchers' hides.—Extra heavy weights (68lb and up): Picked lots, extra stout 5¼d and up; heavy weights (60lb to 65lb), good condition 5d to 5¼d, ordinary 4¼d to 4¼d; bulls, 3d to 3¼d; medium weights (48lb to 58lb), good condition 4¼d to 4¼d, ordinary 4¼d to 4¼d; light weights (25lb to 46lb), good condition 4¼d, ordinary 4¼d to 4¼d; inferior and faulty, 2d to 3¼d; dry hides, best 5¼d to 6¼d, seconds 4¼d to 5¼d; yearlings, large 7s 6d to 10s each, medium 5s to 6s 6d, faulty 2s to 3s 6d; calf, large 3s to 3s 11d, small and medium 6d to 2s 9d; horse hides, large 8s to 10s 9d, small 2s to 6s 9d.

Messrs. Geo. H. Moxham and Co. also report holding sales.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company has consigned 2510 tons of blister copper since the amalgamation of the company.

The Broad Arrow Consols (W.A.) crushed 250 tons of stone during the week ended December 24 for a return of 203oz of gold. The tailings yielded 28oz of gold.

MINING IN THE STATE.

MOLONG Wednesday.

The Vychan mine is being worked on tributs, and the Eurow mine is having a smelter erected, which will greatly improve the mining prospects of the district.

MT. M'DONALD, Wednesday.

Last week J. Mathieson and party crushed 50 tons from the New Caledonian mine for 42oz 9cwt of smelted gold. The total treated amounted to 121 tons, from which 112oz 7dwt of gold was obtained.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The Proprietary Company despatched for the week closing December 23 to Port Pirie 4,5 tons of oxidised ores and 3263 tons of mill products, including 571 tons of desulphurised slimes.

The South Mine despatched last week to South Australia 748 tons of concentrates, leaving 476 tons of this product on the mine's floors. The stopes everywhere are looking well, and ore is readily available. Last week's output of 2331 tons of sulphides averaged 15½ per cent. lead, 9oz silver, and 16½ per cent. zinc. The main shaft during the present cessation of production is being thoroughly overhauled. Mullocking is also being proceeded with at different points of development.

Work at the South Blocks continues to make fair progress. The southern drive from No. 2 shaft at the 300ft level has been advanced to 80ft on the eastern side of lode, and the surface winze some distance south of the same shaft has been sunk 86ft. Although the lode in the bottom of the latter remains hard and mixed, there is a slight improvement in the lead value. A prospecting winze is being sunk in the eastern lately opened 420ft south of the surface winze and 980ft from the northern boundary. It is already down 9ft, with a carbonate lode in the bottom 4ft wide, assays giving 24 per cent. lead and 3oz silver.

The Block 10 Company's mill, working 136 hours last week, treated 2858 tons of crude sulphides, which yielded 504 tons of concentrates of high metal contents. Despatches consisted of 295 tons of concentrates to Port Pirie, leaving an estimated balance on the mine's floors of 726 tons. The contractors have completed work on the crushing floor at the new mill. Supplies are readily coming forward, and all stopes are being kept well secured by refilling. The Harvey shaft has been deepened to 70ft below the 915ft plat, and the new mullock tunnel has been advanced to 146ft.

NEW CHILLAGOE COMPANY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The New Chillagoe Company report for the week as follows:—Queenslander, 200ft level: Leveling up approaching completion, and the opening of the winze chamber is making good progress. Penzance, open cut: Producing oxidised ore of good grade; 150ft level breaking cupreous sulphide ore. The winze has been sunk 59ft, the bottom being mullock; 260ft crosscut; extended 26ft, the face now showing a little ore, but the M'Ilwraith lode has not been cut yet. Zillmanton, 100ft level: Connected with the eastern air shaft and is being rapidly extended westward from the bottom of same; 160ft level: Extending new drive east and west and stopes producing sulphide ore: 160ft east No. 2 winze: Fixing air pipes and pump; 250ft west stope: producing sulphide ore. Ruddygore, open cut, work proceeding as usual. Harper, 150ft stope, producing oxidised ore. Boomerang: Eastern open cut. Producing oxidised ore; 100ft level, bailing operations are being continued. Hobson, open cut: Producing cupriferous ironstone. Hensey: Cut a new chute of good argentiferous copper lead ore in the prospecting shaft south of the whip shaft.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

GIBBS and CO.—At 137 to 155 Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo, at 11, Plant, Machinery, Gas Stove.
A. G. JENKINS.—At the Rooms, at 11, Personal Effects, Gold and Silver Watches, etc.
V. H. KELSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, Cutlery, Linoleums, etc.
H. LEVY.—At Rooms, at 2, Furniture, Clothing, etc.
WEBBE BROS. and CO.—At Rooms, at 11, Furniture, etc.
E. H. BRODRIBB.—At Rooms, at 11, Piano, Drawing and Dining Suites, Bedsteads, etc.; at 2.30, at 27 Tudor-street, Surry Hills, Piano, Furniture, etc.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, etc.
GIBBS and CO.—At 137 to 155 Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo, at 12.30, Cab, Buggy, Lamps, etc.

INDIGESTSON AND BILIOUSNESS.

COMPLETELY BANISHED BY BILE BEANS.

The following case of Mr. Elliott Watkins, of Lady Robinson's Beach, Rockdale, is a fitting illustration of the wonderful efficacy of Bile Beans in curing the most severe cases of indigestion and biliousness. This gentleman says:—"For a period of over four years I was a sufferer with indigestion and biliousness, the symptoms which troubled me most being a dizziness in the head, accompanied by a languid feeling and a most perpetual and intolerable headache. My stomach was distended after eating, and violent gnawing pains attacked me in the chest, breathing being at times most distressing. I was also greatly troubled by fits of vomiting, when I would be utterly prostrated and temporarily deprived of sight for a period extending over hours. I consulted several doctors, who prescribed for me, without giving more than temporary relief. At the solicitation of a friend I tried Bile Beans, though I did not anticipate any good resulting. To my surprise, the first box gave relief, and after a month or so Bile Beans did for a few shillings what doctors failed to do for many pounds during many months of trial." Bile Beans will be found a speedy and permanent cure for biliousness, headache, indigestion, constipation, piles, debility, female weaknesses, nervousness, bad blood, bad breath, anaemia, loss of appetite, rheumatism, spring ailments, and, in fact, all ailments that owe their origin to a disordered liver. Bile Beans are obtainable from all medicine vendors, price 1s 1½d or 2s 9d large box.—Advt.

The Basin, Broken Bay, forms the subject of a double-page set of illustrations in the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

The "Mail" has a page of Snapshots of the Prince Alfred Yacht Club's Race for the Rawson Cup.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The steamer Satara cleared at the Customs to-day for Calcutta, via Sydney, with 2800 tons of coal; the steamer Time, for Port Pirie, via Sydney, with 1540 tons; the steamer Barwon, for Melbourne, with 4600 tons of coal; the steamer Riverdale, for Hongkong, with 950 tons of bunker coal; the steamer Hobart, for Melbourne, with 1850 tons; the ship Nestefield, for Mollendo, with 2664 tons of Pacific coal; and the steamer Breconshire, for Singapore, via Macassar, with 5250 tons of mixed coals.

NEW STEVEDORING COMPANY.

An important movement in the stevedoring work of the port is to be initiated with the commencement of the new year. A strong company has been formed under the name of the Newcastle Stevedoring, Tug, and Lightering Company, Limited, with Captain Brown, of the Adelaide S.S. Company, and Mr. Newman, of Howard Smith Company, as directors, and Mr. A. Paton as secretary. Statements made that the company is a combination of the interstate steamship companies are denied. It has no direct connection with them, although it is prepared to undertake their work as part of the general work of the port. As a matter of fact, it has already tendered for those contracts, which have been called in the open market.

At the Police Court to-day James Clinton, aged 31, labourer, was charged with having on the 21st instant, at Hamilton, forged an order for the payment of £4, purporting to be a cheque on the Wickham branch of the A.J.S. Bank, drawn by Thomas Frith, with intent to defraud. The accused was committed for trial at the Newcastle Quarter Sessions to be held on February 22.

The three crews from Grafton who are to compete in the Water Brigade race at the regatta on Friday, and the visiting teams of volunteer firemen from Cobar and Goulburn, were entertained this morning by the Mayor (Alderman Cann) on a harbour excursion.

Mr. C. H. Hannell, president of the Newcastle Hospital, who organised a benefit race meeting in the early part of the month, has handed the institution a cheque for £401 3s 6d as the proceeds of the meeting.

DEMOCRACY AND ITS LEADERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—You who are more than half a century old will remember a famous speech by Mr. Robert Lowe—I prefer to call him by his colonial name—I am colonial myself. In the British House of Commons Mr. Lowe said: "Gentlemen, you have made your masters, it remains to educate them." It seems to me that voices the position of the better educated and better informed class of these States to-day. We cannot withstand the solely class-interested masses. But we can throw in our lot with them, and teach them. Democracy will have leaders. If the best qualified to lead will only kick and jib, so much the worse for the mob, and for them. I am, etc., F. W. M.

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Ledge Doors, 6ft 6in x 2ft 6in, at ... 7s 6d each
Redwood Casements, R.M., 7ft x 3ft, at ... 15s per pair
Oregon Laths, 4ft 6in x 1in, at ... [illegible] a bundle
Plain Galvanised Iron, slightly stained:—
6ft x 2ft 6in x 24 gauge, 2s per sheet; 6ft x 3ft x 24 gauge, 2s 6d per sheet. Queen's Head Brand.
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N.B.—Waterloo and Alexandria 'Bus from Railway Gates passes the door.

ROSEWOOD PIANO, Stoddart, a bargain, £4 5s; French Sideboard, 3 Galleries, secret drawer, 13s 6d; Leather, 7 pcs. Dining-room Suite, new, £2 5s; 3-Tier Bookshelves, jointed for art painting, 3s 6d; Round Hanging Wire Meat Safe, 20in, 7s 9d; St. Walnut Comb. Chest, 6 drs (mirror), £1 5s; New Camphor Trunks, lock and key, 8s 6d; New St. Walnut Bevelled Mirror Hat Stand, £1 13s 6d; New Double Wire Woven Stretcher, 8s 6d; 33ft New North British Garden Hose, 10s; H T. Bedstead, D.W. Mattress, Bed, Bolster, Pillow, new, 17s 6d; Staine's A1 Linoleum, 45in wide, running yard, 1s 6d; Richly Decorated Flowers and Gold, large size Spill Vases, 10s 6d; Flanders Vases in old Flemish Pottery, unique; Indent Samples Ladies' Wisteria Baskets, Japanese China Cups and Saucers, Tea Sets, Rattan Lounges, Chairs, Glass Cases, Cheap Bamboo Blinds.
J. GIDLEY FLEMING and SONS, 247 Pitt-street.
FINAL, FINAL. Premises Coming Down.—Furniture for Cottage or Mansion at your own price. New Brass Double, Half Tester Bedsteads (1¼in posts), Best Wire Bedding, 60s; Wardrobes, glass door, 45s; Morocco Leather 9-piece Dining Suite, £7, cost £18; Pearl, Nickel, All-Brass Bedsteads, Bedroom Suites, Burr Walnut, Mahogany Sideboards, Walnut, Mahogany, Oak Overmantels, Chippendale, Rosewood Suites, Saddlebag Suites, Dining Extension Tables, Mahogany Bookcase, Secretaires, Camphorwood Port. Chests, Mangles, 20s, 35s ea.; Linen Press, Piano Stools, E.P. Cruets, Cutlery, Lin. Blinds. Elliott's, 623 George-st, nr. Goulb. st.
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NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD, NEW ZEALAND.
TENDERS will be received by the Secretary Harbour Board, New Plymouth, N.Z., until 4 o'clock p.m. on THURSDAY, February 18th, 1904, for—
Supply and Delivery of Ironbark Timber.
Specification can be seen at the office of the Sydney Morning Herald.
F. W. MARCHANT, M. Inst. C.E., Engineer, New Plymouth Harbour Board.

ST. GEORGE'S COTTAGE HOSPITAL, KOGARAH.
TENDERS will be received by undersigned till JAN. 7th for all Griffin Chain Letters received 1901. Particulars from N. P. NIELSEN, Hon. Sec.

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TO WINE MERCHANTS.
IN THE ESTATE OF EATON, GRANT, and CO., Ltd. (in Liq.), of 29 Hamilton-street, Sydney.
TENDERS are invited for the Purchase of the Business as a going concern, or the Stock-in-Trade, Plant, and Office Fittings and Furniture; also Book Debts, in separate lots, as under, at the above-named office, until noon on MONDAY, 4th January, 1904.

LOT 1.—		
Stock of Wines, in bulk	£814 10 10	
Stock of Wines, in cases and bottles	78 17 8	
Sundries	4 1 0	
Capsules, Corks, and Sundries	206 2 9	
Cases, Bottles, and Straws	25 18 5	
Stationery, Labels, etc	69 9 0	
		£1219 19 8
LOT 2.— Machinery and Plant		1590 8 11
LOT 3.— Office Furniture and Fittings		146 18 3
LOT 4.— Book Debts, Good	£1438 0 9	
Do. do., Bad and Doubtful	777 11 1	
		2216 0 10
		£4173 7 8

Tenders must be on Kent, Brierley, and Sully's forms, and accompanied by the usual 10 per cent. deposit.
Lots may be tendered for separately or conjointly.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
The Stock Sheets and list of Book Debts may be inspected, and Tender Forms obtained, on application at the above-named office.
Particulars as to lease of premises may be obtained on application at the abovenamed office.
JOHN KENT, Liquidator, Kent, Brierley, and Sully, 50 The Strand.
Sydney, 17th December, 1903.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited for ERECTION and COMPLETION of ADDITIONS and ALTERATIONS to SHOPS, Nos. 138 and 140 King-street, for Mr. O. Fava. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the undersigned, to whom Tenders are to be delivered not later than WEDNESDAY, 6th JANUARY, at noon.
JOHN F. HENNESSY, Architect, City-chambers, 243 Pitt-street.
TO BANDSMEN and MUSICIANS.—TENDERS wanted for a BRASS BAND to play at Sydney Wharf Labourers' Picnic on February 15th, 1904; also, a STRING BAND to play in the pavilion. Tenders received by J. WOODS, Picnic Sec., 124 Sussex-street.
TO FIRST-CLASS RUBBLE MASONS. TENDERS wanted Foundations Two Houses, Woollahra. COLLINS and ESPLIN, Architects, Equitable-buildings, George-street.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES BRICK CO., Limited, Huntley-street, Alexandria, telephone 412 Newtown. Manufacturers of Every Description of BRICKS. N. DAWES, Manager.
TENDERS for Slating, Plumbing, cottage in Calvert-st, Marrickville. P. A. M'Gee.
TENDERS to Build Brick Shop and Dwelling at Kingstone. Plans at S. Hubbard, Pemell-st, Newtown.
TENDERS, Laying Verdh. Tiles, Fixing Steps, Mantels, etc. J. G. Schemill, bldr., job Eltham-st, L'sham.
TENDERS required for Plastering, labour only. Apply new cottage, Princes end of Hill-st, Leichhardt.
TENDERS for Plastering, labour or labour and material, of Cottage, Swanson-st, op. Erskineville Pk.
TENDERS required for Purchase of Grains for 12 months. Apply Marshall's Brewery, Paddington.
TENDERS Tile Laying Verdh., Painting front of house. Mitchell-rd, Alexandria, opp. Park.
TENDERS for Painting New Cottage. Richardson, Eaton-st, N. Sydney.
TENDERS for Painting and other Repairs, Shop, corner of Botany and Raglan sts, 11 o'c. a.m.
TENDERS wanted for Tiling, Plastering, Plumbing, and Gas, 2 Villas. A. Brown, W'wich-rd, Hunt. H.
TENDERS Laying on Water 2 Cottages. 44 Breillat-st, Annandale.
TENDERS Brickwork, labour only, 2 Cottages. 44 Breillat-st, Annandale.
TO Stonemasons.—Tenders are invited for Sea-wall, at Mosman. G. S. Garton, Architect, 113 Pitt-st.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy (No. 15,861).—Re MORIEA STUART ROBERTSON, of Cobar, Storekeeper.—Notice is hereby given that the First Meeting of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee at Denman-chambers, Phillip-street, Sydney, on the 11th day of January, 1904, at 12 noon. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 7th day of January, 1904. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee. (4c-25)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JAMES HENRY SCHOLEFIELD, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Merchant, deceased, intestate.—NOTICE is hereby given that the third Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the seventeenth day of February next, at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 29th day of December, in the year 1903. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar. SLY and RUSSELL, Proctors for Administratrix, 369 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of COLEMAN CANTOR, late of 125 Sutherland-avenue, in the County of Middlesex, England, Esquire, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate may be granted to PHILIP CANTOR, and the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, LIMITED, of an exemplification of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased, issued from his Majesty's High Court of Justice, Probate Division, Principal Registry in England, the Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, and Philip Cantor being the parties named in the said Will as the Executors and Trustees thereof, as to all the property of the said deceased in Australia. And all Notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. MINTER, SIMPSON, and CO., Proctors, Norwich-chambers, Hunter-street.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of GEORGE LOGAN RANKIN, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Architect, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ROBERT LIMOND RANKEN, of Sydney, Engineer, the Brother of the said deceased, without a bond or surety. All persons having any claims against the Estate are requested to send particulars of same at once to the undersigned. And all Notices may be served at the offices of COPE and CO., Proctors for Administrator, 14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of DAVID TELFER, late of North Waratah, near Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, Engineer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration with the Will annexed of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANNIE TELFER, the Widow of the said deceased, and all persons having any claims against the said deceased are requested to send particulars thereof to the undersigned, on whom all notices may be served. D. O'CARROLL, Proctor for Applicant, 146 King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN JOSEPH CAHILL, late of Brewarrina, in the State of New South Wales, Roman Catholic Priest, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the Reverend ANDREW KILLIAN, the Executor named in the said Will, and all Notices may be served at my Proctor's Office, Oxley-street, Bourke. PHILIP JAMES BIDDULPH, Proctor, Oxley-street, Bourke. By LEONARD GIBSON, his Agent, Equitable-buildings, George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MICHAEL DALY, late of Hargraves, in the Colony of New South Wales, Miner, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES BERNARD DALY, son of the said deceased. J. B. DALY, Mountagle.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND, TOWNSVILLE.—In the Will of GEORGE BRERETON AUBREY (in the said Will called GEORGE AUBREY), formerly of Charters Towers, in the State of Queensland, but lately of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that, after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the publication hereof, application will be made to this Honourable Court that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed GEORGE BRERETON AUBREY (in the said Will called GEORGE AUBREY), deceased, may be granted to ARCHIBALD WYLIE WILSON, of Gill-street, Charters Towers aforesaid, Stock and Share Broker, and ELLEN FORAN, of Charters Towers aforesaid, Widow, the Executor and Executrix named in the said Will. Any person interested who desires to object to the application or to be heard upon it may file a Caveat in the Registry at any time before the grant is made. Dated this twenty-second day of December, 1903. MARSLAND and MARSLAND, Solicitors for the said ARCHIBALD WYLIE WILSON and ELLEN FORAN, London Bank-chambers, Gill-street, Charters Towers. Town Agents: BEAUMONT and ALEXANDER, Solicitors, Townsville.

APPLICATION FOR A COLONIAL WINE LICENSE.—To the Licensing Court of the Metropolitan Licensing District.—I, MICHAEL MERINATO, of 160 William-street, Woolloomooloo, do hereby give notice that I desire to obtain, and will at the next Quarterly Licensing Court, to be holden at the Water Police Court, Sydney, on the 20th day of January, 1904, apply for a certificate authorising the issue of a Colonial Wine Licence for a house situate at 160 William-street, Woolloomooloo, assessed at £84 10s a year. Dated this 30th day of December, 1903. MICHAEL MERINATO, Fruit and Confectioner, 160 William-street, Woolloomooloo.

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EAST SYDNEY ELECTION COMMONWEALTH.—Ladies and Gentlemen,—Any Elector duly enrolled for East Sydney, no matter of what political creed, whose claim to VOTE was refused on polling day, 16th inst., is respectfully invited to communicate with Mr. FRANCIS ROBERT PEEL, 5 Hunter-street.
FINCH.—Wanted, Address Finch, jun., chemist, late of Mosman. Urgent. H. Thompson, P.O., Q.V.M.
HART, CHARLES.—If this should meet the eye of CHARLES HART, late of Nottingham, England, would you at once communicate with your Brother, HENRY HART, Cannington, Western Australia? Important.
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Beware of worthless counterfeits, but call or write to THE PARISIAN DRUG CO., 8 Bond-street, Sydney.
IN my heart wished you happy Xmas; suppose could do that. In Happy Moments.
JOSEPH JOHNSTON, at one time in the N.S.W. Police, seen in Sydney four months ago, his son, A. B. JOHNSTON, Woolscour, Bourke, would like to hear from him.
MIDDLE-AGED Woman would correspond sober, [illegible] Gent., with means. Matrimony, P.O., Oxford-st.
MATRIMONY.—Lady, well-educated, some means, recently from London, would like meet elderly Gentn., with means, view to above, no P.O. address answered. Londoner, G.P.O.
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NEXT OF KIN.
If the late WILLIAM CREW, who is believed to have died at Ballarat, or Sydney, about the year 1860, left any legal issue, any of whom may be still surviving, they are requested to communicate with Messrs. SIMPSON and MASON, Solicitors, Higham Ferrers, England.
O'CONNELL wishes Pat all happiness. Be kind, and arrange meeting.
RE WILLIAM RICHARDS DUNSTAN.
£5 reward will be given to anyone furnishing the address (if still alive) of WILLIAM RICHARDS DUNSTAN, late of Ryhope Colliery, near Sunderland, England, Miner, but last heard of about 12 years ago from Millthorpe, or Tomingley, N.S.W.; or, if he be dead, for satisfactory proof of his death. Communications should be addressed at once to WILLIAM BELL and SONS, Solicitors, Sunderland, England.
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T. HARRINGTON.—Anyone knowing whereabouts, please communicate Urgent, 14 Nowranie-st, Sumr Hl.
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The following Cable is awaiting delivery at the above Company's Offices:—
Name, Taylor, Steamer China, from Madras.
THOMAS WARMAN BATHE, of Wiltshire, England, who about 55 years ago went to Australia, or his descendants, are requested to write to the undersigned, when they will hear of something to their advantage. JOHN T. S. COLE, Shaw Farm, Swindon, Wiltshire, England.

HOUSES AND LAND FOR SALE.

WILL the Gentleman who was looking for House on Gladesville-road, Hunter's Hill, last Saturday, afternoon, kindly call on RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-street.
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Two COTTAGES of Brick and Stone with slate roofs, situated at corner of George and Turner streets, Redfern.
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FOR SALE, at Hurstville, 9½ ACRES LAND, part garden, orchard, suitable poultry, 6 rm. Cottage, plenty water. Price £325 cash; sacrifice. Particulars Glendue, Stafford-street, Stanmore.
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FUNERALS.

WEST.—The Friends of Mrs. POGUE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly loved SISTER, Mrs. Mary M. West; to leave her residence, 219 Evans-street, Rozelle, THIS MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors,
Tel., 424. Sydney, Balmain, Marrickville, etc.

WEST.—The Friends of Mr. R. POGUE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly loved AUNT, Mrs. Mary M. West; to leave 219 Evans-street, Rozelle, THIS MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Central Office, 812 George-street.
Tel., 424.

NEWMAN.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH C. M. S. T. NEWMAN will leave her late residence, Brae-Moray, Cabramatta-road, Mosman, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 7, for Sydney Railway Station, and thence by 9 a.m. train for West Maitland, for interment at the Church of England Cemetery, West Maitland.
WOOD and COMPANY.

DAWSON.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. JANE DAWSON will leave her late residence, Rosyth, Carabella-street, North Sydney, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 12.45, for the Necropolis, Rookwood.
WOOD and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors, Sydney and Suburbs. Tel., 726, etc.

THISTLETHWAYTE.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. WM. THISTLETHWAYTE will take place at the Gore Hill (Church of England) Cemetery TO-DAY, Thursday, at 11 a.m.
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CORRICK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH CORRICK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, John J., which will leave their residence, Picton-street, North Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at a ¼ to 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
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YOUNG.—The Friends of Mrs. JANE YOUNG and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved HUSBAND and FATHER, Mr. George Young, which will leave his late residence, 1 Henderson-road, Alexandria, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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COYLE.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM J. COYLE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, William Thomas; to move from 15 Foveaux-street, Surry Hills, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, to C. E. Cemetery, Rookwood. W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-st.

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MAWSON.—The Friends of Mrs. JOHN MAWSON and FAMILY, of Renwick-street, Marrickville, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, John, which will move from Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS DAY, at 1.45, for Necropolis, via Newtown Station.
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COOPER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN COOPER, of Brereton, Fleet-street, Carlton, are informed that the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Florence Marion, will leave their residence, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Sutherland Cemetery, by train, leaving Redfern 2.10.
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DUFFIN.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. HENRIETTA DUFFIN are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, Glenferrie, Thomas-street, Ashfield, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, for Ashfield Station, thence to Necropolis.
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FLANAGAN.—The Friends of Mrs. JOHANNA FLANAGAN are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her Son-in-law's residence, Mr. Hogan, Meryla-street, Burwood, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Concord R.C. Cemetery.
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WANTED, resp. GIRL, m. age, for gen. h. work, good home, 8s. 171 Bourke-st, near William-st.

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